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Golan bill defeated in cliffhanger tie

EVELYN GORDON

TENSION in the Knesset reached a fever pitch yesterday, as a bill to require a special majority for territorial concessions on the Golan Heights was defeated in a tie vote, 59-59.

An unprecedented 119 MKs were in the plenum for the vote. In the end, however, Avraham Poraz (Meretz) did not vote, because he paired himself off with Likud MK Haim Kaufman, who was bedridden due to illness.

Six bills on the subject were initially submitted, but opposition MKs withdrew all of theirs at the last minute, so attention would be focused on the only one that had a chance of passing: the bill submitted by Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani, Emanuel Zissman and Ya'acov Sheffi which would require a majority of 70 MKs or of 50% of eligible voters in a referendum for concessions on the Golan. The three had promised not to vote for any of the opposition bills.

However, with Shas having announced it would vote with the opposition, it quickly became clear that the fate of the bill rested on Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb (Yi'ud). Goldfarb had said he would vote in favor of the similar bill proposed by party colleague Esther Salmovitz, but that bill had been withdrawn.

Goldfarb's former colleagues from Tsomet therefore mobbed him in an effort to persuade him to do the same for the Labor MKs' bill, or at least to abstain. One opposition MK even called Goldfarb's wife in an abortive attempt to enlist her support.

Salmovitz made an impassioned plea to Goldfarb and Energy Minister Gonen Segev from the podium during her speech.

"When we left Tsomet, our banner was the Golan Heights," she reminded them. "Where are you? You were the first to sign this bill, even before Kahalani signed it... I beg my colleagues, and all this house, to stop playing honor games, and unite around this one bill... Alex, you have a



MK Alex Goldfarb casts the deciding vote in yesterday's Golan bill showdown. (Isaac Harari)

moral obligation to vote for this bill," she pleaded.

The tension mounted as Goldfarb absented himself during the first round of the roll-call vote, returning only at the very end to declare: "I am for the Golan, but against this bill!"

After Goldfarb announced his vote, an anonymous caller telephoned the Knesset and said he had planted a hand grenade in Goldfarb's car. This claim proved groundless.

Segev's "no" vote had elicited some boos and catcalls from the opposition benches, but Goldfarb's statement provoked a veritable storm of them. At that point, a furious Speaker Shevah Weiss declared a recess "because of [the MKs'] unparliamentary behavior."

Afterwards, both sides rushed to claim the victory.

"I have a mandate as long as I have a majority in the Knesset," said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, when asked if the tie vote indicated a lack of support for his Syrian policy. "This was a stupid

bill. It was an attempt to chain the government's negotiations. There has never been such a bill."

"There is no importance to this vote," added Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. "The vote was about a referendum - not about the Golan Heights, and not about the negotiations."

"I think this was a great achievement for the bill's sponsors," said Sheffi. "It's true there wasn't a majority for the bill, but there is also not a majority for withdrawal."

"I think it's been demonstrated conclusively that Mr. Rabin does not have a majority, either among the people or in the Knesset," said Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu.

"The results show there is no public majority for withdrawing from the Golan," agreed Kahalani. "Had everyone been allowed to vote their conscience, the result would have been more like 80-40."

Both Kahalani and Zissman made moving appeals to the gov-

ernment during their speeches in the plenum.

"I want to turn first and foremost to the prime minister," Kahalani said, "and say: Yitzhak Rabin... I am not your enemy, I am not your rival. I represent you. I represent what you said before the elections."

"What do you expect today - that I will cling to my seat here? Is a seat more important than the country?" he added.

Kahalani questioned whether the time was really "ripe for peace," noting that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is still unwilling to come to Israel despite 17 years of peace and the return of the Sinai.

"If [Syrian President Hafez] Assad says the time is ripe - let him come to this house, let him look me in the eyes, let him convince this people," he said.

Zissman also stressed that he and his colleagues were being faithful to Labor's platform.

"It is impossible to achieve peace while retaining all the territories, but it is impossible to

achieve security while giving up all the territories," he said. "This has been the basic worldview of the Labor Party for as long as it has existed. But more than anything, we want to say today that we are obligated to prevent... the dangerous rifts that seem likely to be created in Israeli society."

Zissman rejected Justice Minister David Liba'i's claim that the bill was anti-democratic, because it gave a minority veto power over the majority.

Liba'i had argued that special majorities were proper only to protect basic human rights, but Zissman noted that most of the major democracies did demand special majorities for territorial concessions, and said this was neither racist nor anti-democratic.

"[This bill] in no way contradicts the rules of democracy practiced in the Western world - unless someone wants to say... he considers states like Australia, Germany and the US to be undemocratic countries; unless someone wants to say Norway, Denmark, Spain, France, Switzerland and Sweden are racist countries," Zissman said.

Kahalani angrily rejected the description of him and his colleagues as "rebels."

"There is also a place in the Labor Party for people like me, who believe in a different path," he said. "I will continue to fight for the Golan... [But] if they don't change, maybe I will find myself another place."

The storm over the bill caused Economics Minister Yossi Beilin to propose to the Labor faction meeting in the morning that perhaps the government should rethink its promise of a referendum, because the opposition is "making cynical use of our unilateral commitment."

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish protested that the government had promised the people a referendum, not the Knesset, and could therefore not break this promise because of what happened in the Knesset. Rabin's only comment at the meeting, however, was that it was not the time to discuss the issue.

Two gunmen killed, four IDF soldiers wounded in Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE

TWO Hizbullah gunmen were killed and four IDF soldiers lightly wounded in separate incidents during heavy fighting inside and north of the security zone yesterday.

Two of the wounded soldiers were hurt in a clash with a Hizbullah squad near Huleh village in the zone's central sector in the early morning.

The IDF spokesman said the troops were on operational duties in the area when they encountered a terrorist squad, opened fire and charged at them.

The gunmen returned fire and during the charge one of the soldiers was very lightly wounded. He was treated in the field, while another soldier was slightly scratched.

Two Hizbullah gunmen, who had apparently infiltrated the zone to plant roadside bombs or carry out some other form of attack, were killed in the clash. Their weapons and other equipment were found alongside the bodies.

Hizbullah admitted that a clash had occurred in the area, but denied that any of its fighters had been killed. Instead, the organization issued a statement saying heavy casualties had been inflicted on the "Zionist enemy" in the clash.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amram Levine expressed his appreciation yesterday for the troops' efficient and speedy action.

A short while after that incident, IAF helicopter gunships

staged a pre-dawn strike against Hizbullah targets in the Iqlim al-Toutah region north of the zone. The army spokesman said the helicopters all returned safely to their bases after completing their mission.

Reports from Lebanon said missiles and cannon rounds were fired by the helicopters at Hizbullah targets in M'itla, a deserted village in the region.

Later in the morning, two more IDF soldiers were lightly wounded in a separate clash with gunmen in the Wadi Saluki region in the eastern sector. They were treated in the field before being transferred to hospitals in Israel.

In the afternoon, IAF warplanes blasted Hizbullah targets in the Jabal Safi region, north of the zone. The army spokesman said all the planes returned safely to their bases.

Reports from Lebanon said IDF and South Lebanese Army gunners also shelled targets north of the zone as the fighting continued throughout the day.

In other incidents, a roadside bomb was detonated alongside an SLA patrol in the Shumriya region in the zone's central sector. There were no casualties in that incident.

Towards evening, gunmen fired several mortar rounds at IDF and SLA positions in the Rehan and Soujud region, in the eastern sector, again without causing any casualties or damage. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Eylon Tsabari indicted on stock manipulation charges

RAINE MARCUS

THREE senior portfolio managers and the brother of one of them were indicted yesterday by Tel Aviv District Court for manipulation of shares on the TASE, bribery, and breach of trust.

The four men charged in the affair are Eilon Tsabari, former deputy director of Bank Hapoalim's Gmilot provident fund; Haim Regev, former director of Bank Leumi's Psagot mutual fund; Yoram Nagler, former director of Dovrat-Shum's portfolio management company; and Regev's brother, Yitzhak Weiss.

The indictment relates to six separate cases in which the four used their positions to make millions of shekels in personal profits. Regev and Nagler allegedly worked with Tsabari in their stock manipulation schemes.

The indictment was filed by the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office after an extended investiga-

tion by the Securities Authority, which was partially made public in April 1994.

While at Gmilot, Tsabari managed some NIS 30 billion in securities. The first case took place between 1988-1994 when, according to the Securities Authority, Tsabari operated dummy companies with broker Ya'acov Ramot.

Using information on stocks acquired by Tsabari, they allegedly bought shares for the dummy companies and for Gmilot, the indictment said.

When the prices rose the two sold, reaping an estimated NIS 3 million in profits. Tsabari is also charged with foreign currency offenses.

Stocks manipulated by Tsabari included Hachsharat Hayishuv, Bezeq, Cavalim and other large companies.

Regev allegedly provided Weiss with information on worthwhile stocks, so the latter could buy them for his personal gain. The two allegedly then artificially raised stock prices and then sold the shares while prices were high. During 1993 Weiss bought stocks of 120 companies, and the two allegedly pocketed around NIS 5.7m.

Ramat Gan bombing's sixth victim buried

MONDAY'S Ramat Gan suicide bus bombing claimed a sixth victim, when Tuvia Mordechai, 37, of Tel Aviv, died of his wounds late Tuesday night. He was buried yesterday in the Kiryat Shalom Cemetery.

Mordechai, who worked at the Ambin plant, had become observant around two years ago, becoming affiliated with the Koidanov hassidic synagogue in Bnei Brak. He had also become close to the Ger hassidim who lived near his Ramat Habayal neighborhood.

He was described by several people at the funeral as a generous man who did many favors for people in the community.

Rabbi Shmuel Halevi Wosner, a leading Bnei Brak rabbi, called Mordechai a martyr in his eulogy, adding "The Jewish people are in a serious situation when Jewish blood is spilled like water."

Mordechai, who was not married, is survived by a brother, Philip.

Fourteen people wounded in the blast were still in Ichilov Hospital last night. One was in serious condition, six in satisfactory condition and the rest in good condition. (Itim)

Negotiations with Palestinians to be partially resumed today

DAVID MAKOVSKY

AT least some Israeli and Palestinian negotiators will resume talks today here, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last night.

Speaking on Channel One's Conference Call program, Peres said talks would be held today and tomorrow, and afterwards both sides will consult regarding a venue for next week.

There was a two-day pause in the talks in deference to the Ramat Gan bombing victims. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Labor Party faction yesterday he did not want an extensive pause so as not to award killers who want to halt the peace process.

Peres had said earlier this week that he wanted to move the talks to Europe, apparently so negotiators would not be disturbed by violence or protests.

However, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, speaking to reporters yesterday outside of a Paris hospital where his wife gave birth, made clear he did not want talks to be held in Europe. Arafat said he wanted the talks to remain in the region so

he could maintain regular consultations with his negotiators.

Regarding the substance of negotiations, Peres said he informed Arafat in Alexandria last week that the Palestinians would gain another 80 million cubic meters of water annually by drilling around the so-called Eastern Aquifer near the Jordan Valley. As it stands now, it is estimated that Israel draws on about 490 million cu. m. of water in the territories and the Palestinians draw upon about 110 million cu. m.

Peres made clear that the Palestinians and Israelis are negotiating over levels of water each side needs and not about water rights, which Israel sees as an issue to be discussed in final status talks. "They have dropped the water rights issue," Peres said.

In another development, Peres told the television interviewer last night that he had personally interceded with the leader of an unspecified Eastern European country to save the life of an Israeli who was to be executed for criminal activity.

Goldfarb: Nonentity who saved the government

BACKGROUND

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE star of yesterday's Knesset drama was Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb, whose vote against the Golan Law amendment saved the government and coalition from a scalding defeat.

Goldfarb's Knesset appearance yesterday was probably the culmination of his flash-in-the-pan political career. He may now keep his deputy minister's seat until the end of the government's term, but it is doubtful whether anyone will hear from him after that.

Goldfarb, 48, a married father of four and manager of an electrical contracting company in Ashkelon, was probably as astonished as anyone when he found himself a Knesset member.

He was number eight on the Tsomet list, the last of the band of unknowns who got into the Knesset on Rafael Eitan's coattails in the 1992 elections. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was one of the ways in which the Tsomet group was mockingly - and incredulously - referred to. The seven MKs were usually described as "Rafal's clones."

But the soft landing in the Knesset aroused personal political ambitions in some of the new MKs, who were not satisfied with remaining in Rafal's shadow for long. They resented the leader's tyrannical way of running the party, and especially his objection to any criticism or scrutiny.

Goldfarb was perhaps the grayest of the "seven

dwarfs." He made headlines when he, together with MKs Gonen Segev and Esther Salmovitz, defied what they called Eitan's dictatorial reign of terror and split from the party to form the Yi'ud faction.

The maverick faction was received by the government with open arms, adding desperately needed mandates to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's precarious coalition, in exchange for the energy minister's chair for Segev and a deputy minister's post for Goldfarb.

Despite the fanfare that accompanied Yi'ud's formation, the three are still generally considered political nonentities who couldn't be elected as ratcatchers in their own right. No political future is envisioned for them, with the possible exception of Segev, who may run on Labor's list in the next elections.

The attitude towards Goldfarb did not change when he moved into his new office in the Housing Ministry. Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer ignored him and refused to give him any authority.

One of the jokes bandied about in ministry corridors suggested that the most fitting job for Goldfarb - who made aliyah from Romania in 1963 - would be as a translator between the ministry and the thousands of Romanian construction workers working in Israel.

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Jordan takes major step to repeal anti-Israel laws

AMMAN (AP) — Parliament yesterday passed legislation that would repeal a ban on dealing with Israel and formally end Jordan's adherence to the Arab boycott.

The legislation was approved by a vote of 52-20. Eight lawmakers were absent from the 80-seat assembly.

The endorsement came after a brief debate on three statutes that formally end an economic embargo of Israel, permit business transactions and allow sale of Jordanian land to Israelis.

Pro-government politicians, who dominate Parliament, all voted in favor, while opposition came mainly from Moslems who oppose the existence of Israel.

More than 20 lawmakers took the floor during a two-hour de-

bate at the blue-domed King Abdullah Mosque in the heart of Amman and opposite Parliament's headquarters, which is being renovated.

The measure was passed with surprising ease. The debate had been expected to take one week because Moslem fundamentalists had planned extensive speeches. But fundamentalists in the Islamic Action Front, which holds 16 seats, did not take the floor.

"We did not want to waste our breath because the laws were going to pass despite our opposition," said Abdul-Rahim Ukur, a leading fundamentalist lawmaker.

Outside, about 150 fundamentalists and leftists staged a two-hour peaceful sit-in.

"Whoever sells his land sells

his country," said a banner.

Ishaq Farhan, a spokesman for the Front, claimed the move paves the way for "Zionist infiltration of Jordan and other Arab countries."

Last week, Parliament's finance and legal committees recommended the endorsement, but introduced amendments calling for reciprocity in real estate transactions with all foreigners, not only Israelis.

The amendments stipulate that land sales would depend on Jordanians having equal ownership rights in the countries of the prospective buyers.

Before becoming law, the legislation must pass the senate and receive the endorsement of the king. The process is expected to take around four weeks.

Settler squatters ignoring eviction notice

HERB KEINON

SOME 1,000 residents of Efrat and other Gush Etzion settlements defied evacuation orders late last night and brought tractors to Givat Hadagan to begin work on permanent housing at the site.

Police orders to halt work were not heeded and residents parked cars in the middle of the road leading to the site to keep police and soldiers from reaching the hill.

"We are not leaving," said Eve Harow, an Efrat local council member and one of the organizers of the move to the hill. "If the army comes to take us away, we will offer passive resistance."

Some 400 people went to a meeting at the hill yesterday, where they heard words of encouragement from Elyakim Ha'etzi, Aharon Domb, and rabbi Ya'akov Meidan and Shlomo Riskin. At the meeting the group publicly declared its intention to ignore the eviction notice.

The police and civil administration officials served the group with the eviction order shortly after midnight on Monday.

Harow said that the group is expecting orders to evacuate, and have already prepared fliers to hand out to soldiers which explain that the settlers have nothing against the soldiers, and understand they are just carrying out orders.

"If they evacuate us, we will keep coming back," Harow said.

At the meeting of supporters yesterday, a statement was issued that

read, "Last Thursday night, a group of women established Givat Hadagan, the northernmost neighborhood in the municipal boundaries of Efrat. Our goal was to secure the future rights to this area, and to prevent it from being relinquished to Palestinian authorities within the next few days as part of the second phase of the Oslo agreement."

"On Monday, July 24, a few hours after the terror attack in Ramat Gan, we were served with an official evacuation notice. Whereas the traditional response to terror was to fortify our presence in the hill, this government's major priority is initiating the process of surrendering Jewish lands, abandoning Jews in Judea and Samaria, and endangering lives of Israelis throughout the country."

Harow said that the move to build on the hill has the backing of the Efrat and Gush Etzion local councils, as well as the support of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Ever since the group moved to the hill, a group of Palestinians have maintained a protest vigil nearby. Peace Now issued a statement yesterday saying that it will go to the site this morning to see if the eviction notice is being honored.

Givat Hadagan is just north of Givat Hattamar, where attempts to build a new neighborhood there were scuttled in January after the government came under intense protest from residents of the nearby Palestinian village of Khader, who claimed the land was theirs.

Shots fired outside home of Faisal Hussein

BILL HUTMAN

SEVERAL Jewish men fired shots outside the home of Faisal Hussein in eastern Jerusalem yesterday while the senior PLO official was inside, police said. No one was hurt.

A senior police source said the shots were fired in the air and were not an attempt on Hussein's life. Rather, the shooting "was an act of provocation," the source said.

Three yeshiva students were detained immediately afterwards, but were later released.

Kach claimed responsibility for the shooting. In a statement, a spokesman for the outlawed group said members were stoned near Hussein's home and opened fire in response.

Hussein said he believes he was followed as he drove up to his home, in the A-Tur neighborhood on the Mount of Olives.

"My people told me that there were settlers outside and that I should hurry inside," Hussein said. "I stood at the window as they got out of their car and began throwing stones."

"Then they prepared their weapons, and began shooting," he added. "They fired more than 20 shots, before they got back into their car and drove away."

The windows of three vehicles parked outside the home were bro-



Palestinian Authority official Faisal Hussein displays the cartridge of a bullet he said was fired at his Jerusalem home yesterday by an unknown assailant. (Khaled Zighari)

ken by stones, said police, who were given descriptions of the attackers by Hussein.

"I believe that there are both Pal-

estinian extremists and settlers who will do anything to stop the peace process," Hussein said. "They want to poison the atmosphere."

US businessmen explore Gaza

STEVE RODAN

REPRESENTATIVES of more than a dozen US companies met yesterday with Palestinian Authority officials to examine the potential for investment of millions of dollars of federally guaranteed funds in construction, tourism and medical equipment.

"I think we are very impressed with what we have seen so far," said Christopher Finn, executive vice president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a US government agency which provides financing and insurance to American businesses investing in developing nations.

Finn said his agency will provide some \$50 million in loan guarantees for investment in Gaza, Judea, Samaria and Jordan.

Representatives of major US firms such as Bechtel, Intercontinental Hotels and Chicago Power met with Palestinian officials and industrialists who want to embark on numerous joint ventures that would far exceed \$50m.

"We originally expected that the fund be used up in three to four years," said Talat Othman, chairman of Dearborn Financial. "Now, we think it will be used up a lot sooner."

Ali Hussein, president of International Business and Medical Development, said he explored the possibility of joint ventures regarding cancer treatment. Hussein, a Palestinian, said he hoped to establish facilities that would provide chemotherapy and radiation treatment in Gaza.

But Palestinian officials pressed Finn on a project to construct the Marriott Hotel on the northern Gaza coast. Officials said the project has been in agreed upon but no timetable has been set.

Bethlehem: Thirsting for law and order

BEFORE THE REDEPLOYMENT

JON IMMANUEL

"THERE is almost total chaos in the City of Bethlehem," Mayor Elias Freij says, adding that Israel is to blame, not for causing it, but for doing nothing about it.

The city, linked to Jerusalem by an umbilical cord of tourist buses, is the only Palestinian town that was ever frequented by Israelis for pleasure. The town's well-established cafes and restaurants give an impression that occupation here has been relatively benign.

Other Palestinian towns complain of drug dealers, collaborators and prostitution; Bethlehem complains of urchins harassing tourists and thieves robbing jewelers and money changers. But what infuriates Freij is that in the middle of it all stands the Israeli police station which functions, as he sees it, only to protect itself and Israelis from attack.

As an example, Freij refers to land which he asked then defense minister Yitzhak Rabin to expropriate in 1989 for use by the municipality. Rabin did so, "at our request. We then bought it. But the old owner occupied the land a month ago and despite Mr. Rabin's signed order, the police do nothing."

Freij is the only Palestinian mayor who can solicit international aid independent of the Palestinian Authority. This is why he is the Palestinian Authority's tourism minister, even though he is considered more pro-Jordan

than pro-PLO.

Though upset by the lawlessness, he anticipates a glowing future for his city, and expects 2.5 million tourists annually by 1997. This number would include Israelis visiting Rachel's Tomb, which Israel left just outside Jerusalem's municipal borders in 1967 because it is on the site of a Moslem cemetery.

Merchants concede that because Israeli law enforcement is so weak, law and order should improve when the Palestinian Police function in the town with full legal authority. But they worry that economic development will not improve, causing more lawlessness and they also fear inter-factional fighting.

Bethlehem's population, for example, includes a higher proportion — 10% — of supporters of the Christian-led opposition Democratic and Popular Fronts than any other Palestinian town. It has the same 15% proportion of Hamas and Islamic Jihad supporters as other towns, but because the town is 30% Christian the proportion of extremists among the Moslems is higher than elsewhere and the threat of violence is heightened by religious differences.

"I don't believe Arafat has the financial support to control this area. The Israelis have to be here," said one leading Christian merchant, who feared that expressing such sentiments would

open him to attack.

"Without a military government and civil administration, where will we get permits to go to Israel?" he asked, noting that in Gaza and Jericho the bureaucracy surrounding application for permits was now worse than ever. His solution was annexation by Israel.

Annexation is never far from the minds of other Bethlehem residents. They know that Israel considers Gush Etzion, a few kilometers south of Bethlehem, to be part of Greater Jerusalem. Israel is building Highway 60 — the Bethlehem bypass road — through the outskirts of nearby Beit Jella, and they assume that area is to remain under Israeli control. They hear of rumors from high Palestinian sources that Israel will be allowed to annex villages sandwiched between the new road and the Green Line.

Ghaleb Mufraah is a driving instructor from Wadi Fukin, a hundred meters from the Green Line. He said that given the choice, 90% of his village of 1,000 Moslem residents would opt for annexation by Israel.

To Mufraah, it makes sense, and not just for the access it would give to jobs in Israel. "It is also a style of life. People have got used to Israeli democracy. What Arab government has democracy? Our only problem is we are under occupation and do not have regular lives."

Capitol Hill effort to declassify government report on PLO finances

HILLEL KUTLER

WASHINGTON

NEW Jersey Republican Congressman James Saxton is leading an effort to declassify a government report on the PLO's financial holdings.

House International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman had requested the report last year from Congress's investigative arm, the General Accounting Office, and it was delivered to him last month as a classified document.

In a letter sent to colleagues in the House urging a reversal of the GAO's decision, Saxton called the situation "thoroughly unacceptable." He inferred that he had seen the report but was frustrated that it has not been made public.

"While I would love to pass this report on to any interested party, I cannot. GAO has classified this report and is therefore unable to produce copies of the necessary information to the 435 members [of Congress] who will be voting on whether or not to provide US foreign assistance" to the PLO, Saxton wrote.

GOLDFARB

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Yesterday, however, Goldfarb's day in the sun arrived.

When it was noted how crucial Goldfarb's vote would be, an unprecedented steamroller of pressures was put into action. Suddenly, Goldfarb found himself courted, wooed and sought after all day long by both the coalition and opposition.

Goldfarb basked in his glory, making the most of it. He kept his decision secret until the very last moment. Shortly before the vote, he met Rabin and then Rafal — who had refused to give him the time of day until yesterday — for respective tele-a-tele. In their final conversation before the vote, Ofra Goldfarb assured her husband that he had her full support and told him "to do what is best for peace."

House panel approves \$56.5m. for missiles with Arrow

HILLEL KUTLER

WASHINGTON

THE House Appropriations Committee Tuesday approved a \$244.1 billion defense bill that provides \$56.5 million next year for US-Israeli ballistic missile defense cooperation that includes the Arrow missile.

The bill also funds several cooperative programs, including counterterrorism, laser technology, and the air force's purchase of 50 additional AGM-142 (Popeye/Have Nap) missiles.

The administration's budget had contained no funding for the Popeyes, but the committee included \$39m. for that purpose, sources said. The Senate defense appropriations subcommittee yesterday was

concluding its own bill. Each chamber must then vote on the bills and then produce a conference bill, which would likely occur by September.

Pro-Israel sources familiar with the House's appropriation bill said that "on the whole, it was very supportive."

But unlike in the Senate version, the House subcommittee handling the bill reportedly had inserted language asserting that funding for the US-Israeli programs should appear instead in the foreign aid bill.

YECHIEL SIMCHA (Charles) NAIMAN

With deep sorrow, we mourn the untimely death of our husband, father, brother and grandfather.

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, July 27 (29 Tammuz) at Eretz Hachayim Cemetery, Beit Shמש, one and a half hours following the arrival of TWA flight #884/778 scheduled to land at 2:50 p.m.

Families: Naiman, Weinberg, Mandelcorn, Jaffe, Brejt and Zeligman.

CORRECTION

The article "Mother walks away from bombed bus" in Tuesday's newspaper was written by the Associated Press and not as credited.

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Likud's only Druse MK has no problem with party vote

EVELYN GORDON

AS attention focused on efforts to persuade Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb to support the Golan bill, few had thoughts to spare for someone who might be facing tremendous pressures in the opposite direction.

However, Assad Assad, the Likud's only Druse MK, seemed comfortable with his decision to obey party discipline and vote for the bill, even though the Golan Druse favor returning the heights to Syria.

"I'm in favor of peace," he said. "The Israeli-Arab conflict can be resolved only by peace, and not by war."

However he said he does not believe Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's claim that the bill would have killed the talks with Syria.

"Do you believe him?" he asked. "After he said three years ago that he would never leave the Golan

Heights? I don't believe a word he says.

"The attempt to attach a stigma, as if the Likud and the right do not want peace, is simply not correct," he added passionately, pointing out that it was the Likud who started the talks with Syria at the Madrid conference.

"And we're still at the same point at which the Likud stopped the talks," he added.

Assad said he has no opinion as to whether Israel should leave the Golan as part of a peace treaty, since this is a matter for negotiations. But if an agreement to this effect were reached, he said, the bill would hardly stand in its way, since it is just "a bill like any other bill," which could be easily overturned if necessary even if it succeeded in passing.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wears a jubilant smile after the vote yesterday on the Golan Law. (Isaac Harari)

Ecstatic Golan Heights residents claim victory in tied Knesset vote

DAVID RUDGE

GOLAN Heights residents campaigning to keep the region under Israeli rule were ecstatic yesterday, claiming the tied Knesset vote on strengthening the Golan Law was a major achievement.

"It's another nail in the coffin of the government's program of withdrawal from the Golan, a program being led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin," declared Golan Residents Committee spokesman Uri Heitner.

"Syrian President [Hafez] Assad now understands that any commitments made [by the government] to withdraw from the Golan would be [worthless] like a signature in ice," said Heitner.

"The residents committee salutes MKs [Avigdor] Kahalani, [Emanuel] Zissman and [Ya'acov] Shefi who proved loyal to

their conscience and demonstrated their willingness to pay a political price in order to prevent any withdrawal from the Golan.

"The victory that was achieved in the Knesset will encourage us to continue our battle," Heitner added.

Katrin local council chairman Sammy Bar-Lev said the tied vote was a "great achievement, despite all the pressure by Labor on its MKs."

"This was only one of the battles, however, and the fight itself goes on."

"Nevertheless, we have most definitely been encouraged by the outcome of this vote, especially the support for the motion from the religious parties," said

Bar-Lev.

His comments were echoed by Labor party veteran Yehuda Harel, founder of the Third Way Movement, who said the vote proved the government had no majority in the country or in the Knesset for any withdrawal from the Golan.

"I believe that the Third Way Movement will become a party by the end of next month and will run in the next elections," said Harel.

"I'm not certain, but this is my assessment based on the fact that I know the members of the movement," he said.

Poraz's decision to pair off with Kaufman provokes anger

EVELYN GORDON

ONE of the uglier scenes of yesterday's Golan debate was the argument over whether anyone from the coalition should be allowed to absent himself from the vote, to "pair off" with MK Haim Kaufman (Likud), who is ill and bedridden.

Such courtesy to a sick MK is traditional in the Knesset, but Labor refused to let any of its members perform this service.

In the end, Meretz MK Avraham Poraz said he would do so.

"[Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin said I was taking a heavy responsibility on myself towards the peace process, and I understand this posi-

tion," Poraz said. "But when I understood that the Likud was planning on bringing [Kaufman] here in an ambulance and stretcher... that would be an embarrassment for the Knesset."

Though several of his Meretz colleagues supported his move, Poraz's decision sparked bitter recriminations both from other Meretz MKs and within Labor.

"In Meretz there are bleeding hearts who want to pair off," Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen said at a faction meeting yesterday morning. "Do they think their consciences are better than ours?"

Former Labor 'rebels' have clear conscience

EVELYN GORDON

WHEN the Labor "rebels" began their campaign several months ago, there were seven of them. As the months passed, four dropped out. Any one of them could have tipped the balance in favor of the law yesterday. But if there were crises of conscience among them, they were not apparent.

Yoram Lass said there were two reasons why yesterday's vote was irrelevant except as a "declarative" move. First, had it passed, it would simply have been buried in committee, he said, and second, no agreement with Syria is in the offing in any case, because president Hafez Assad "shows no signs" of being ready for an agreement.

"I'm against leaving the Golan," Lass said. "But I'm also against the decline of the Labor Party... and I'm not willing to destroy the Labor Par-

ty for a merely declarative framework."

"[The bill] would have fallen in any case, since this was just a preliminary reading," agreed Gedalya Gal. "I need to convince my party—not to join with the Likud and strengthen its chances of returning to power."

Elie Goldschmidt took a slightly different tack. "I came to the conclusion that support for this bill would mean stopping the peace process," he said.

Does that mean he is reconciled to leaving the Golan with only a narrow majority?

"I'm convinced that if [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin brings a proposal to the public, the security components will be such that there will be a massive majority in the public," he responded.

Immunity to HIV among Ethiopians piques interest

JUDY SIEGEL

AN Israeli AIDS researcher who discovered natural immunity to HIV among half of the Ethiopian immigrants he tested has aroused much interest at the Ninth International Congress of Immunology, now being held in San Francisco.

Dr. Zvi Bentwich, of Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, who conducted the research along with Dr. Tamar Yehuda-Cohen of Sheba Hospital's infectious diseases department, described to conference participants the blood tests he conducted on newly arrived immigrants from Ethiopia.

Half of them "showed signs of HIV antibody production even though they tested negative for the disease," he said. Bentwich explained that the finding probably indicates their immune system had launched an attack against HIV, protecting them from infection and from becoming carriers of the virus.

Dr. Shimon Ma'ayan, the director of the AIDS clinic at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Karem, who said he was familiar

with the research, called the findings an "interesting observation."

There have been a handful of cases of apparent natural immunity to AIDS, including among Kenyan prostitutes who were exposed to virus on a regular basis but were somehow not infected.

Another case involved a baby who was found to be infected by his mother, but his HIV antibodies suddenly disappeared without explanation. There are also some AIDS carriers who haven't developed the actual disease as long as 15 years after being infected.

However, the Bentwich study involves a large number of people of the same ethnic origin. "They constitute a subpopulation," explained Ma'ayan, "but this phenomenon does not have implications to human beings in general. The ideal vaccine against AIDS would result from imitating the mechanism that causes the immune system to overcome the virus."

He noted, however, that scientists are still very far from this.

Joint Jewish-Arab summer camp draws record number of kids

DAVID RUDGE

A RECORD number of children have registered for a joint Jewish-Arab summer camp in the Galilee, despite the tense atmosphere created by the suicide bomb attack on a bus in Ramat Gan on Monday, organizers of the project said yesterday.

"We have more than 250 children from over a dozen Jewish and Arab towns and villages in the Galilee taking part in the camp this year, more than ever before," said Harry Rhodes, from Mishav Shorashim in the Misgav region, and one of the founders of the project.

Rhodes, director of "Shemesh," a non-profit organization working for coexistence and cooperation between Jews and Arabs, noted that acts of violence and terrorism had occurred in the country in the past, coinciding with previous summer camp sessions.

"When such things have happened, we sit and talk with the children and explain that there are extremists who don't want Jews and Arabs to live alongside each other in peace," said Rhodes.

"Nevertheless, we are neighbors

and we have to cooperate with one another. Unless we learn to coexist in peace and harmony here in Israel, there can't be real peace in the long term, because peace begins at home," he said.

The summer camp began seven years ago as a "good neighbors" scheme between Shorashim and nearby Sha'ab village; just 50 children took part. Since then, it has grown into a regional organization that runs numerous other joint programs, including youth leadership schemes, a mixed choir, and a student newspaper in Hebrew, Arabic and English, as well as Arabic language courses for adults and the summer camp.

Organizers said they had decided to extend this year's summer camp, which starts Sunday, to two weeks instead of one so the Jewish and Arab youngsters could better get to know each other.

Jerusalem turns down JNF gift of amphitheater

BILL HUTMAN

he converging," said councilor Yisrael Shulderman.

The plan was presented on Monday to the committee by architects for the JNF. Committee chairman Uri Lupoliansky first supported the plan, claiming the city badly needed the amphitheater and should be gracious when receiving such an expensive gift, according to the sources.

After being convinced there were serious holes in the plan, he joined the unanimous vote against it. However, at his initiative, a statement was added to the decision saying the city hoped an improved plan would be presented that it could adopt.

JNF Information Department head Benny Mushkin said the JNF understands the city's misgivings with the plan presented Monday, and would soon present a revised plan.

6,500-year-old burial cave found in Peki'in yields bronze and ivory utensils

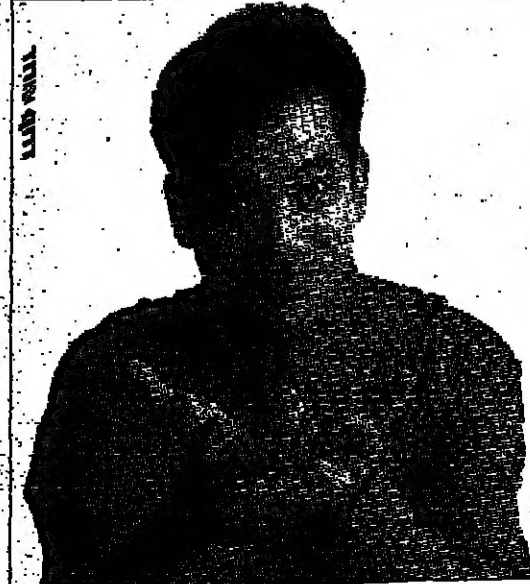
An ancient burial cave, estimated to be 6,500 years old, was discovered by Antiquities Authority archaeologists in Peki'in recently.

It is distinguished by stalactites and stalagmites that developed in the cave when it was sealed.

The cave, discovered during road-building in the village, was used for burial during the Chalcolithic Era.

Ceramic sarcophagi of various types and jugs for storing ashes were found in the cave. Ritual

objects and bronze and ivory utensils were also found. The stalactites and stalagmites had grown over the archaeological remains, which became petrified. Eventually the cave will be opened to the public. *Lim*



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Susan Smith apologizes to ex-husband

UNION, South Carolina (AP) — Jurors stared stony-faced and some looked away yesterday as they were shown photos of the drowned bodies of Susan Smith's sons, sitting in their car seats with a soggy teddy bear on the floor of the car she rolled into a lake.

The children's decomposed faces were not shown. In one case, Circuit Judge William Howard used scissors to remove the edge of a photo where 14-month-old Alex Smith's face could be seen.

Ms. Smith, 23, has confessed to strapping Alex and 3-year-old Michael Smith into the car and sending it into the lake, and was convicted of two counts of murder.

The jury now is to decide whether to sentence Ms. Smith to death or life in prison.

The photographs and testimony by a state investigator wrapped up prosecutors' part of Ms. Smith's sentencing hearing, which earlier included sobbing testimony from her ex-husband, David Smith, and her whispered apology to him: "I'm so sorry, David."

Ms. Smith's lawyers are expected to present relatives and other witnesses who will detail her life of emotional trauma, beginning with her father's suicide when she was 6. One of their first witnesses will be Ms. Smith's brother, Scotty Vaughan, defense lawyer David Bruck said.

She initially claimed that a black man had abducted the boys. After a nine-day search, Ms. Smith confessed Nov. 3.

The couple divorced in May, but Smith told jurors of a marriage that turned rocky even before their second child was born.

Smith said he had believed his wife's story about the black man and was devastated when he heard she had confessed to the crime.

Britain, Argentina make progress on Falklands oil dispute

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain said yesterday it was encouraged by progress made in talks with Argentina about oil exploration around the disputed Falkland Islands.

Speaking after a meeting in London between Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind and Argentine Foreign Minister Guido di Tella, a Foreign Office spokesman said: "Good progress has been made on the talks so far. A few issues remain to be resolved."

Di Tella, who was in London on his way back home from his trip to Israel, last month told the Argentine parliament that the chances of reaching agreement with Britain were 50-50.

Argentina, which claims sovereignty over the South Atlantic islands from which Britain expelled its invasion force in a 1982 war, has said it will oppose any British attempt to issue oil licences to explore waters around the Falklands unilaterally.



Turkish UN troops erect tents at a site in Zenica yesterday for refugees expected to arrive from Zepa. (AP)

UN helps evacuate thousands of refugees from Zepa

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — Convoys of bewildered Bosnian refugees trundled out of the captured town of Zepa yesterday while on the other side of Bosnia thousands of Muslims fled Serb attacks on the Bihać enclave. UN officials said.

Some 1,400 Muslim women, children and old men crossed frontlines in buses provided by their Bosnian Serb conquerors to reach the relative safety of Bosnian government-held territory at the town of Kladanj.

A second convoy of 27 buses carrying around 1,000 people had also left Zepa by mid-afternoon, UN military spokesman Colonel Gerard Dubois said in Sarajevo.

A group of wounded civilians needing urgent medical treatment were ferried earlier to Sarajevo. Serb shelling of the Bosnian capital yesterday killed two people, including a child, and wounded 10, Bosnian government officials said.

Two Ukrainian UN peacekeepers were on each bus as escort to ensure the refugees did not suffer atrocities blamed on Serb troops after the fall of Srebrenica two weeks ago.

"We will push very hard for as much escort and access to these convoys as possible," said Chris Gunness, a UN spokesman in Zagreb.

"We obviously want to avoid a situation in which atrocities are committed as they clearly were in Srebrenica. The Serb army has shown itself perfectly capable of callously disregarding international humanitarian law," he added.

Separatist Serb forces rolled into Zepa exactly two weeks after they seized control of neighboring Srebrenica.

Muslim refugees herded out of Srebrenica described awful scenes of women being dragged off buses and raped and men taken away from their families for execution.

In Washington, the White House said it held out little hope of averting a vote in the Senate to lift an arms embargo against the Bosnian government, a move President Bill Clinton believes could worsen the Bosnian war, forcing UN peacekeepers to leave.

Some Islamic countries have declared the arms ban invalid.

The Senate vote could make diplomacy with US allies over Bosnia more difficult, the White

House said.

Russia signalled yesterday it would work only towards a political resolution of the Bosnian crisis, further complicating attempts by the big powers to reach consensus on how to end the 39-month war.

One immediate problem in Zepa was the departure of men of military age, many of them believed hiding in nearby woods.

Bosnian Serb commander General Ratko Mladic, charged with crimes against humanity by the UN tribunal for ex-Yugoslavia, was meeting UN Commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-Colonel Rupert Smith, and government envoys at Sarajevo airport to thrash out terms for a prisoner exchange.

Bosnian government sources said the Serbs were holding firm for a complete exchange of prisoners on both sides without providing a count of the number of men they detained after overrunning Srebrenica.

Srebrenica and Zepa were two of six zones designated as 'safe areas' by the United Nations in 1993. The others are Sarajevo, Tuzla, Gorazde and Bihać town.

Paris metro bomb toll rises to seven dead

PARIS (Reuters) — The death toll from a bomb on the Paris Metro rose to seven yesterday as a security alert triggered a wave of false alarms and the government pointed to possible Muslim fundamentalist or Serb connections.

Three passengers who were severely burned in Tuesday's blast in a rush-hour underground train at the Saint-Michel station died of their wounds in hospital. Another 11 were listed in critical condition, public health officials said.

The time-bomb, estimated to contain three to five kg of explosives, blew up on an RER regional express train in the heart of Paris, close to Notre-Dame cathedral.

"The Islamic trail is possible, the Serbian trail is not impossible," Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debré said, without ruling out other potential perpetrators.

Police said they and the media received about 50 calls claiming responsibility for the blast in the hours immediately after it but none appeared to be serious.

The head of the Paris Mosque, Dahi Boubakeur, deplored the bombing as a "barbaric act" and urged Muslims to dissociate themselves from violence.

The blast occurred two weeks after gunmen shot dead a founder of Algeria's outlawed Islamic Salvation Front, Sheikh Abdelbaki Sahraoui, at the Paris mosque where he settled after the army scrapped a 1992 election the Islamists were set to win.

Chirac has called for a robust response to Bosnian Serbs who have overrun UN "safe areas" in

Bosnia. French soldiers are the largest contingent in a UN peace-keeping force there.

France broke with a tradition of police secrecy yesterday and gave a blitz of publicity to the security clampdown.

Thousands of extra police deployed around the nation carried out mass identity checks and made random searches of vehicles to help avert any repeat of the grisly rush-hour blast.

Surveillance was especially bolstered at stations, airports and frontiers. A spate of false alerts led to evacuations of stations and shops from Paris to Marseille.

"Massive identity controls have been begun in some areas," Prime Minister Alain Juppe told reporters.

It was the bloodiest attack in the French capital since a wave of Middle East-related bombings in the mid-1980s and sparked alerts in Paris and the provinces yesterday. Police stepped up patrols and tightened border checks.

False alarms closed several Paris Metro stations during the day and hundreds of customers were evacuated from the Virgin Megastore in the Champs-Élysées avenue in a bomb scare.

Elsewhere, police cleared Marseille's Saint-Charles railway station after a suspicious parcel was reported and there was also a scare in the Alpine city of Grenoble.

About 1,000 extra riot police and gendarmes were drafted into Paris overnight. A further 1,800 will be deployed in the capital and other major cities.

Nigerian lawyer arrested as he gives news conference

LAGOS (Reuters) — Nigerian security agents burst into a news conference yesterday and arrested the lawyer of former head of state Olusegun Obasanjo, who has been found guilty of plotting a coup against the military government, witnesses said.

The lawyer, Tunji Abayomi, had told the news conference at his chambers in Lagos that Obasanjo was not guilty. Obasanjo and 39 others were sentenced in a secret trial that has drawn world concern and criticism.

Tunji Abayomi was driven away to the SSS (State Security Service) office at Shangisha. Lateef Kareem, deputy head of Abayomi's chambers, said in a statement.

Kareem said two journalists were also seized. There has been no official confirmation of the arrest.

Abayomi had said: "Nothing short of absolute freedom for General Olusegun Obasanjo will be acceptable."

"We will not accept a situation where the government, in order to save its ugly face, sentences him for any number of years because a conviction for one day for an offence a man did not commit is an evil too much to be tolerated," he added, according to a transcript.

Nigeria's army rulers are under intense local and foreign pressure

to show mercy to the convicted persons.

The Daily Times, which is 60 percent owned by the government, said yesterday the alleged plotters may be pardoned.

But Abayomi said: "We will not accept compromised or negotiated justice."

The exact sentence on Obasanjo by a special military tribunal has not been officially stated but newspapers say it is life imprisonment.

They say Obasanjo's former deputy retired Major-General Shehu Musa Yar'Adua and 13 others were sentenced to death.

Generals who make up the National Defense Council met for four hours in the capital Abuja to consider clemency pleas.

"Although no statement was issued at the end of the meeting, there were indications that eventual pardon for the convicted was on the cards," the Daily Times wrote in a front-page report.

The final decision rests with the governing Provisional Ruling Council (PRC), chaired by military ruler General Sani Abacha.

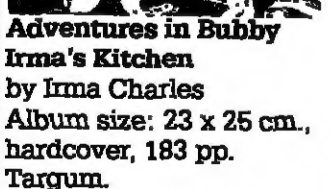
It is not known when the PRC will meet. Nigerian rulers, already being urged to restore democracy in Africa's most populous nation, have been under enormous pressure to show clemency to those convicted.

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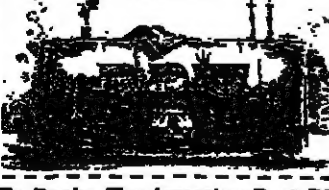


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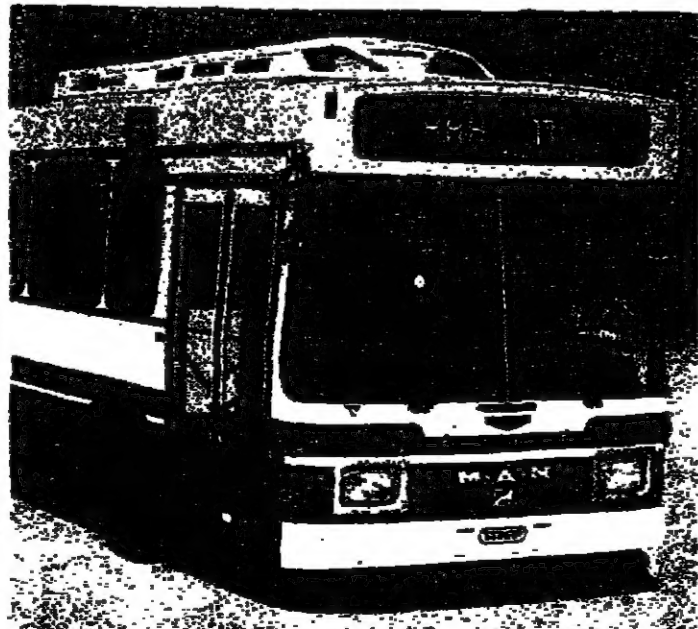
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The leather-covered box, which has two hookah pipes on top, may sell for up to NIS 2,000 at the sale in London in September.

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Fruits of peace

GOOD news from Bosnia is a rarity these days, but the joint effort mounted by Israel and Jordan to bring aid to the suffering country fits the bill. Along with the tons of welcome supplies, this joint Jewish-Arab venture delivered a message to the Christians and Moslems of Bosnia that the way they live now need not be forever.

Jordan's willingness to run such an unprecedented joint humanitarian gesture in the full glare of international publicity deserves the highest commendation. It is particularly gratifying for Israel that the idea was the initiative of Crown Prince Hassan, who, as King Hussein's heir, represents the future of Jordan. His enthusiasm for the treaty with Israel is a guarantee that relations between the two countries are on the road to a long-term future.

Jordan's attitude to its new ties with Israel is living proof of the often-repeated wisdom that if all our neighbors were prepared to be at least as civilized as the rulers of the Hashemite Kingdom, the problems of the Middle East conflict could be solved in record time.

To be sure, there is resistance to the treaty in Jordan - as proved by the nonsensical resolutions passed by various professional organizations there to expel members who accept normalization. But the difference between Jordan and Egypt becomes daily more clear. The Egyptian treaty may be historically more significant, as it was the first, and because of the huge territorial concessions involved, but the Jordanian government is the one demonstrating real leadership from the top in changing national attitudes.

Jordan may not yet be fully democratic, given

the power of the monarchy, but the king and Prince Hassan are not any longer altogether alone in their war against past wars and antagonisms. Yesterday the Jordanian parliament voted 51 to 21 to repeal laws barring Jordanians from having contact with Israelis or doing business with them. Certainly such laws are unjust in any case, but their repeal is a most promising sign of progress.

Prince Hassan rightly called the Bosnia airlift "giving substance to peace." It was a small gesture which should not be hyped out of proportion, and the 70 tons of supplies brought to the Bosnians (and being distributed by Jordanian UN soldiers) will not appreciably alter either their suffering or the course of the war.

But it is a gesture Egypt even today would not feel able to match, as the cold peace rumbles on with barely a sign of cooperation, let alone enthusiasm from Cairo, and amid blatant public hostility fueled by the country's savagely hostile media. It is on the small details of daily business, tourism, and professional contacts that understanding is built between former enemies who wish to be friends. It is in publicly displayed international cooperation that governments set an example to their people and encourage investors.

Given the Jordanian rulers' attitude, the day will soon come when such cooperation will be relegated to news briefs rather than headlines. The message was not lost on Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammad Sacirbey, who was deeply moved by the Israeli-Jordanian initiative. He said it was a lesson to Bosnia that the conflicts in another part of the world "were ultimately resolved by people of good will."

The Golan vote

THE most disappointing part of the debate over the "special majority" Golan bill yesterday was Justice Minister David Liba'i's argument that the proposed law is racist and anti-democratic. This is particularly ironic, because Liba'i himself is one of the progenitors of the law for the direct election of the prime minister, which provides for a special majority to bring down the government.

Almost all democratic countries require a special majority on important issues. In the US, treaties require a two-thirds majority in the Senate; Constitutional amendments must be ratified by a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress, followed by a majority vote in three-fourths of the legislatures of the states. And as Labor MK Emanuel Zissman noted, provisions for special majorities exist not only in the US, but in the laws of Australia, Germany, the US, Norway, Denmark, Spain, France, Switzerland, and Sweden. Nor can it be argued that the question of relinquishing the Golan, now part of the State of Israel, is not a major issue.

To suggest, as Liba'i did, that the bill was anti-democratic because it gave a minority veto power over the majority, that special majorities were proper only to protect basic human rights, or that the bill is racist because it aimed to cancel the impact of the Arab vote, is baseless and demagogic. It is unbecoming a justice minister with Liba'i's reputed integrity.

Not surprisingly, both sides claimed the tie vote as a victory. The opposition pointed to the absence of a simple majority for the government's readiness to withdraw from the Golan.

The government countered by stressing the practical side of the result: a similar proposal cannot be presented to the Knesset for the next six working months. It gives the government more than enough time to conclude a treaty with Syria without worrying about mustering a special majority in the Knesset to approve the agreement.

What the debate and the vote proved was not that the special majority bill is "anti-democratic," but that the system of proportional representation is bankrupt. The bill was introduced by three Labor MKs who were elected on a Labor list. Whether or not they would have been electable on their own right is questionable - the only one among them with a national reputation is Avigdor Kahalani. Yet they almost caused a crisis for the party that made their election possible.

The same can be said, with a vengeance, about the MKs who saved the government from outright defeat. They are two former Tsomet members, Energy Minister Gonen Segev and Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb. Political nonentities, they most certainly could not have been elected to anything had they not been on Rafael Eitan's Tsomet list, which got a surprisingly large number of votes.

That they have defected to the coalition is a measure of Eitan's miserable performance. He should not have chosen ciphers to run with him in the first place, and he should have been able to keep them in his Knesset faction. That he failed miserably on both counts is a sad commentary on his judgment and leadership.



DELEG 95

A shameful silence

ARE Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres dragging their feet in seeking Jonathan Pollard's release?

The question is particularly pertinent as they press Syria, via Washington, to return the remains of Israeli super spy Eli Cohen, who is buried in a Damascus prison grave. It seems a small thing to ask, given their readiness to hand over the entire Golan Heights as a gift to President Assad, and their daily concessions to his escalating demands. Surely the Syrian dictator owes Israel a tiny favor to supplement "promises" not worth the paper on which they are written.

The US is also pressing Rabin to surrender one "red line" after another in dealing with Assad. President Clinton wants the political victory of Middle East peace to help him win next year's presidential election.

Surely Rabin and Peres could ask Clinton to pardon Pollard, so unjustly sentenced thanks to misinformation spread by Aldrich Ames. This KGB mole at CIA headquarters pointed the finger at Pollard to cover his own betrayal of some 10 US agents in the former Soviet Union. Pollard was given a life term after then-secretary of defense Caspar Weinberger damned him in a venomous personal pretrial letter to the judge. Today it is known that Weinberger's accusations, charging Pollard with causing great damage to US security, were untrue.

As Pollard faces an autumn parole hearing, there is a deafening silence from the Israeli government at the gross injustice meted out to him. Intelligence experts familiar with the case are convinced that Peres, Rabin and Yitzhak Shamir - leaders in the coalition government at the time of Pollard's arrest - prefer him to keep quiet. They not only abandoned him to his fate, but betrayed him by giving the US authorities the proof that he was supplying Israel with information.

Pollard sent Jerusalem data revealing that Moscow was helping Syria to secure the most modern weapons systems available. Contrary to an agreement between the US and Israel, Weinberger withheld this data.

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

Pollard spied, it is true. He felt he could not sit idly by and see Israel being sold short. A dedicated Zionist, he felt it his duty to warn his fellow Jews of the imminent danger of war. In letters to Amnon Drot, who for many years has led a campaign to free him, Pollard still maintains that he wants to serve Israel if he can.

PERES AND Rabin are determined to steamroller a peace deal with Syria, despite overwhelming public hostility to a surrender of the Golan. And they prefer not to hear a liberated Pollard speak out.

Pollard unwittingly undermines Rabin's claim that the Golan Heights can be defended by electronic spy devices perched on Mount Hermon and other points on the border, rather than by the army. This claim defies a firm belief in senior Israeli intelligence circles that it's dangerous to trust electronic surveillance devices.

We have learnt that these devices, currently used in Sinai, are worthless unless under sole Israeli control. It's not even as if President Assad will accept their presence on the Golan. He has already thrown a spanner into the works by reneging on a commitment, made recently to the Americans, that he will allow further talks between Syrian and Israeli military officers. Why? Because Damascus doesn't want spy stations on Syrian soil (by which it means the Golan).

The most advanced satellite pictures are no substitute for the current practice of Israeli soldiers peering through binoculars at Damascus.

According to US intelligence experts, the Iraqis, for example, know how to deceive Pentagon intelligence teams. They use techniques taught to them by the US during the Iran-Iraq War to fool satellite imagery.

The Americans say that Iraq

has learnt how to mask its military operations, that it can shield communications from eavesdropping, broadcast phony messages, and that it can display decoy weapons and installations and paint airfields to make them appear damaged.

The lesson is crystal clear. Israel cannot trust even the most expensive electronic aerial spy devices. Even worse, Jerusalem cannot rely on the US to pass on information that the satellites are receiving.

Weinberger refused to let Israel see pictures showing how Syria was preparing a surprise attack. It was Pollard who told Jerusalem. And, during the Gulf war, then-president Bush did not permit Israel to see vital pictures of Scud launching sites.

It is also clear that what the Iraqis know about fooling spy satellites in the air, on the ground, or anywhere else can easily be learnt, if it has not already been mastered, by Syrian technicians. Israel is foolish to entrust the safety of its citizens to such toys when Israel army observers are on the job on Mount Hermon and other peaks on the Golan Heights.

According to a special report, issued by the Center for Security in Washington: "Israel's security depends not on a demilitarization arrangement that Syria might or might not respect indefinitely, but on the IDF's ability to prevail over Syrian forces if Syria were to renew military hostilities - and on the costs of such a victory."

Even more blunt was former OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. (res) Yossi Peled, who warned two years ago that Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights would constitute "national suicide." In the light of the fallibility of electronic spies it is a warning more valid today than ever before.

We should not forget Jonathan Pollard. Spying for a friendly power in the US has never earned more than a five-year prison term. Surely Rabin, Peres and Shamir could ask Clinton to free the man. Their silence is, to put it mildly, shameful.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Barak's coyness

YOSEF GOELL

THE attempt by Yediot Aharonot to bring mud at former IDF chief of general staff Ehud Barak over the Tze'elim-2 calamity failed to prevent him from being co-opted to the cabinet; but neither Barak nor Yediot acquitted themselves at all well in the flare-up around that military tragedy.

Many aspects of the army's own investigation into the accident, in which five soldiers were killed, raise more than a suspicion that there was indeed an attempted whitewash as to who was responsible.

These fears run the very real danger of undermining public trust in the IDF and its high command. What's needed is an urgent revising of the automatic practice of the army investigating its own mishaps. The growing public distrust of the army has also been exacerbated by the general staff itself through its encouraging of untrammeled media coverage and exposure of its generals and of their ego-driven competition at promotion time.

Yediot's original five-page expose can only be labeled a yellow journalism hatchet-job, both because of its timing and its content. The possibility of a whitewash by the IDF old boys club was a legitimate suspicion warranting a serious journalistic investigation. But Yediot's widening of its target to charge Barak with abandoning his wounded soldiers, and of remaining stonily oblivious to their frantic calls for help, was scurrilous and undermined the impact of its investigation.

The timing of the expose - on the eve of Barak's appointment to the cabinet - after it had been in the hands of Yediot's editors for months, raised legitimate questions as to the paper's motives and the identity of the political interests its editors were serving.

BARAK'S slashing counterattack against the entire "power-mad" media on the Conference Call television program that was especially scheduled for his response, was a masterstroke.

Barak has to make clear exactly where he stands on major public issues.

But, marks him as a potentially dangerous man. What was especially reprehensible was his attack on the Israel Broadcasting Authority and Ma'ariv legal commentator, Moshe Negbi, based on his misuse of classified IDF information.

But on one matter Barak has a point. The Israeli journalistic community has in part descended into the gutter of yellow journalism, triggered by untrammeled tabloid circulation and TV ratings wars. If it does not learn how to police its own performance, outside bodies will do that policing, with all the inherent dangers to a free press.

Barak has an unblemished record as an extremely courageous soldier who has devoted his entire adult life to defending this country against its mortal enemies. For this he deserves our eternal gratitude. But this does not automatically entitle him, so soon after completing his military service, to a seat in the cabinet, with the intention of figuring centrally in the impending war to succeed Yitzhak Rabin as Labor Party leader and prime minister.

As courageous as Barak has been on the battlefield, he has not yet evinced the different sort of courage needed in politics: to make clear to the public exactly where he stands on major issues. There have been rumors as to his original dismay over the serious security risks entailed in the Oslo agreements and his caveats in regard to any intention of surrendering all of the Golan Heights to the Syrians.

It was perfectly proper that as chief of staff he refrain from making public his positions on these political issues. But Barak is now deep into politics, where the exact opposite behavior is required. A Barak who today coyly refuses to state his views openly for fear of antagonizing the prime minister, will merely be joining the panel of spineless Labor ministers who fear to confront Rabin and Peres on where they are leading the country in their personal pursuit of the diplomatic process.

Such a Barak can hardly be expected to be much of an electoral asset.

The writer comments on public affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JERUSALEM

Sir, - Gad Ben-Ari writes in the Post of June 28 ("Like a Jewish ayatollah"): "I would remind him [Rabbi Avraham Hecht] that it is only thanks to the 'criminal' Yitzhak Rabin, chief-of-staff in the Six Day War, that Israel and the Jewish people received East Jerusalem, the Western Wall and Judea and Samaria, which have since become so dear to Hecht's heart."

Mr. Ben-Ari needs to be corrected:

(a) It is not, as he claims, only thanks to Rabin that Jerusalem, the Western Wall (and the Temple Mount, mention of which Ben-Ari omits) and Judea and Samaria were liberated from enemy occupation. The Almighty had something to do with it, as had the late prime minister Levi Eshkol and his cabinet.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Sir, - My husband and I have been coming to Israel for 30 years, initially as tourists, then visiting our children and grandchildren. We have always felt at home and have looked on the soldiers and police as "our boys."

Last week we came upon a demonstration near our hotel, in memory of the two boys who were murdered in Wadi Kelt. Those present were primarily 16-18 year olds, and seemed quite orderly. A few minutes later we saw mounted soldiers chasing several of these youngsters down the street. Finally a group of

General Motta Gur and the Paratroop Brigade which he commanded, and the soldiers of the IDF who fought - hundreds of whom fell - in the battle for Jerusalem.

(b) It is not only since the Six Day War that these regions of Israel have "become so dear to Hecht's heart," as Ben-Ari alleges. Since childhood, Hecht, like every observant Jew, has been praying thrice daily: "And to Jerusalem Thy city, return..." "And may our eyes behold Thy return in mercy to Zion"; and on the holidays: "Gather our dispersed from the ends of the earth. Lead us with joy to Zion Thy city and to Jerusalem the place of Thy Sanctuary in happiness... Rebuild Thy House as in the beginning and establish Thy Sanctuary upon its site." Tel Aviv.

STUART GRANT

STUDENT SOLDIER

Sir, - In mid-July, you published a number of articles concerning the role in the army of the religious soldier in general, and the Yeshivat Hesder student in particular. Typical was Alon Pinkas's comment: "Religion in the army: A conflict of loyalties." (The Jerusalem Post, July 13) in which he displayed a fundamental lack of understanding of the role of a religious, Torah-observant Jew in a Jewish army.

A Torah-true Jew serving in the army is never faced with any "impossible situation" and is never torn between two loyalties or authorities. He has one, and only one, authority, namely, the authority of the Torah given to him by God, at Mount Sinai, more than 3,000 years ago (long before the establishment of the modern State of Israel or its unique brand of democracy).

Just as the Torah commands this Jewish soldier to don tefillin, to observe the Shabbat and to honor his parents, so too, it commands him to defend his land and his fellow Jews with an effective army. So, too if this army commander should request that he transgresses a Torah law, he is commanded to observe the Torah, to the neglect of his army commander. Any alternative decision, by the Jewish soldier who is loyal to the Torah, would be impossible.

EZRA GROSS, Student Soldier Yeshivat Hesder

Jerusalem.

MIRIAM ROSENWEIG New York.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Michael Hartmann of Hamburg gives a course to other youths on how to navigate the sidewalks when cars are illegally parked there. (AP)

July 27, 1995

Make the choice: A new soul mate or more children

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
I've been divorced for nine years and have a 10-year-old daughter. I've always wanted to remarry and have more children. But the men I dated were never really what I wanted. After having a bad marriage, I told myself that I'd rather be alone than marry the wrong person again.

I finally found someone with whom I feel I could share the rest of my life. The catch is that he is much older than I am (with grown children) and doesn't want to have any more kids. I am torn between this great desire for a baby, and marriage to a man I want to marry.

Divorce in Diaper Dilemma
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Diaper Dilemma,
If having more children was your main goal, you would have been remarried by now (or had a baby out of wedlock). The fact that you wanted to wait to find the "right" man (or remain alone) indicates that a "soul mate" was a higher priority. If so, you should marry this man. Perhaps he will change his mind about a baby. But even if he doesn't, your alternative is to wait — and hope.

Dear Ruthie,
My son did not get into the army unit he wanted. He is miserable, and I have connections which I have offered to use to help reverse the decision. He adamantly

refused my help, but continues to mope. Should I go behind his back to try to help him without his knowledge?

Fretting Father
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Fretting,
Absolutely not. You must respect your son's wishes. If he's old enough to don a uniform, he's old enough to reject your offer.

Talk to him about his unhappiness, and his reasons for not wanting you to intervene.

You may be able to persuade him to take you up on your offer.

Dear Ruthie,
How can I get my husband to lose weight? He's got a paunch which could outdo Humpty Dumpty. It doesn't bother him, but it bothers me — which also doesn't seem to bother him.

Fat Frenzied
Gush Etzion

Dear FF,
Only his own will can cause him to shed his paunch.

What you can and should deal with is his (perceived) lack of interest in how you feel. If the two of you can work that problem out, he might develop the will to lose the weight.

Or you might not be so bothered by the bulge.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

Perfume may go the way of tobacco

PERFUME is next in the ever-zealous quest for the perfect America.

There are clear and alarming signs of a scent-control movement in the neo-Puritan culture that has given us smoking bans and codes of sexual correctness. It seems, in fact, to be an interesting combination of both.

It is already rare in New York to catch that passing whiff that can so deliciously distract even the most focused of competitive males into a moment of idle musing on life's sensual possibilities.

That something is missing from the air can be brought home when the exception proves the rule. The other day, a musky scent as heavy as mist stepped into the office elevator, triggering a Proustian romp through memories of adolescent longings.

I followed my nose to an elderly woman bundled into thick furs from real animals, a woman who had clearly refused to repent from all that was considered worthy and alluring in the 1930s.

I can't remember ever catching such an extroverted olfactory aura from a younger American woman. Proust aside, a perfume in New York triggers automatic thoughts of Paris.

But Americans must be doing something with perfumes, for the industry reports record sales of \$4.8 billion last year. This is wickedness to the stalwarts of the Human Ecology Action League.

They are among the pioneers of scent-free America, declaring: "Perfume is going to be the tobacco smoke of tomorrow." Their cause may not prove vain. The first ban is already in place, and, as usual, the laboratory of social progress is the campus.

THE UNIVERSITY of Minnesota is introducing a progressive "scent-free policy" that instructs students and staff to avoid wearing anything smelly in certain public areas, including cafeterias and lecture theaters, where it may offend those who suffer from "multiple chemical sensitivities."

This offers the clear evidence of a connection to tobacco-style health issues. It was the evidence, even if it was thin, that second-hand smoke could ruin the health of nonsmokers that gave the antismokers the weapon they needed for the final push to smoke-free public areas.

The anti-scenters are at this moment busy compiling medical evidence, and assorted statistics, of the terrors of perfume to the innocent noses of the hyper-allergic and the sufferers of "multiple chemical sensitivities."

It cannot be long before the tables in New York restaurants vacated by smokers, soon to be banned altogether, will be filled, by local order, by perfume wearers.

A notable victory was scored at the New Yorker magazine. The first revamped issue under the British editor Tina Brown contained those smelly page perfume ads. There was much comment from traditionalists, who preferred perfume on their women rather than their prose, but the anti-scenters went further.

They complained that the magazine was now off limits to the chemically sensitive, and the management caved in. How do those hyper-allergic California belles cope with *Vogue*?

If health is the excuse, pleasure is the real cause. Perfume positively stinks of the sort of ungainly, decadent activity for which the neo-Puritans are maintaining a wary watch. Richard Klein, a professor of French at Cornell University and author of the rebellious *Cigarettes Are Sublime*, plunged to the heart of the new scent wars with a recent article in the *New Republic* magazine.

"In American culture, descended from the Puritans, all universal sources of pleasure are eventually medicalized, then politicized and finally policed — if not prohibited altogether," he wrote.

In the America of godly cleanliness, he noted, "the sweet smell of success has no smell." (The Daily Telegraph)

'Ms. conceptions' of going it alone

A new film takes a fresh look at the predicament of women contemplating a planned solitary pregnancy, writes
Tirzah Agassi



When she began making the film, Ric Esther Bienstock considered the sperm-bank option if she couldn't find "Mr. Right." She married three years later.

IN the opening frames of *Ms. Conceptions*, a one-hour documentary about single women and sperm, the camera focuses on a computer menu.

Would the client prefer the donor's hair to be "straight, curly, wavy or kinky?" asks a sperm-bank employee as she highlights the options and the soundtrack plays "It Had To Be You."

Ric Esther Bienstock's compassionate, off-beat film investigates the heartbreaking — yet often funny predicaments — of thirtysomething women who have given up on finding Mr. Right but are still adamant about having a child.

The phenomenon is much rarer in Israel (see box) than in North America, where the birthrate among single, college-educated women in their thirties has nearly tripled during the past decade. But when shown at the Jerusalem Film Festival, *Ms. Conceptions* hit a nerve at both Channel 1 and Channel 2, which are competing for broadcast rights.

"I was 32 when I began working on the film," explains the soft-spoken, Toronto-based Bienstock, who is now 35. "At that time, I figured that if I didn't meet the right man I'd consider having a child on my own when I was 38. I found myself talking about it over coffee with my co-producer Linda Frum. It didn't seem like such a big deal anymore. When did that change happen?"

Though recently married (to screen writer/director Richard Mortimer), her sympathy for the issues and dilemmas faced by women who have not found a mate is clear.

This attitude elicits remarkable honesty from the three women Bienstock's camera follows, as they take steps toward wanted, but solitary, pregnancy.

"I found that they were willing to share intimate moments [like the process of artificial insemination, which left 32-year-old Lea feeling "dirty"], because they had something important that they wanted to communicate."

Thus, when 38-year-old Rebecca opened the mail she received in reply to a personal ad for a "live donor," Bienstock's camera was right there as a best friend might have been.

And when 39-year-old Anne, who got "accidentally" pregnant by her ex-boyfriend, was about to give birth and her waters broke, it was Bienstock whom she beeped.

The deft counterpoint between the women's very human longing and the often

repulsive choices they are offered by, for example, sperm banks that ask "Cash or charge?" makes for poignant, oddly entertaining and extremely thought-provoking social commentary.

A judgmental (male) psychoanalyst who finds the women's actions to be an "implicit statement that men are superfluous or unnecessary as active fathers" misses the point that each of them would far rather have found a man with whom to truly share a family.

Meanwhile, the horrified president of the Institute for American Values adds a certain comic relief as he voices disgust with a \$1 million industry that hawks sperm as a "product." Nonetheless, his sentiment (if not his interest in shaming

this whole issue back into the closet) seems to have been appreciated. Not only did Frum get married while the film was being shot, but she also went so far as to have twins.

Children also have their say, whether about the horrors of custody cases or through demonstrating the difficulty of merely rolling the tongue around the words "biological father."

Throughout it all one is impressed by the immense integrity of these independent women struggling in the midst of a strange new socioeconomic and psychological reality.

Fatherless motherhood is far from romanticized. Yet brand-new single mother Anne's sheer joy is unforgettable.

Bienstock, who was born in Montreal to a traditional Jewish family, is particularly keen on showing the film in Israel, because she got her own professional start here.

"I arrived fresh out of McGill University in '82 and stayed four years," she says. "At that time quite a few international features were being filmed here. Things are very open in Israel. And it was much easier for someone like myself — who speaks English, French and can get by in Hebrew — to find film production jobs than it would have been in North America."

"My first was working with Costa Gavras on *Hannah K.* Then I worked with George Roy Hill on *The Little Drummer Girl*. It wouldn't have happened elsewhere."

Even her mother (who had a hard time thinking of film as a serious career option) burst with pride when Bienstock worked with Leonard Bernstein on a TV special on Gustav Mahler.

She returned to Canada to produce documentaries, coming back to Israel in 1992 as co-producer of *Deadly Currents*, a documentary on the intifada which won a Genie, the Canadian equivalent of the Oscar. Since then she has worked on a trilogy of award-winning documentaries shot in Africa.

Ms. Conceptions is Bienstock's solo directorial debut. Her next effort will be a film about the wedding industry.

Hopefully it too will display the invigorating light touch that sent viewers out of *Ms. Conceptions* with this straight-faced request from a decrepit sperm bank director: "If you know a very healthy, very intelligent, very successful... outstandingly successful... man under 40, we would appreciate his name."

Single motherhood here: Not a popular option, though insurance covers it

ISRAEL is the only country where a single woman can be artificially inseminated (if she passes a psychological test) and have government insurance pay for it. However, it is also a country where such a choice is unlikely.

According to Dr. Dafna Izraeli, professor of sociology at Bar-Ilan University, "the rate of births to never-married women in Israel is very small, accounting for just over 1% of the births in the population. In the US, a whole generation put off having children to concentrate on [their] career. But here it never became an acceptable option to ask whether or not to marry and have children."

"Marriage and children come first in this country, which also has a higher percentage of women in senior positions who are married mothers."

However, Izraeli points out, in the past 15 years there

has been a change in the demographic makeup of that 1% who bear children out of wedlock.

The number of never-married mothers aged 19 and under (whose pregnancies were probably unplanned) has decreased slightly. And the number of never-married mothers aged 30 and up (whose pregnancies may have been planned) has more than tripled.

"But again, it must be remembered that, first, they are a small minority and, second, even this statistic includes women who are unmarried but live with a male partner."

Susan Kahn, a Harvard PhD candidate researching reproductive technology here, says "Israel is a pro-natalist [i.e., pro-baby] society. It is on the cutting edge of research and development in reproductive technology. But the aim, as with the court ruling which will probably make Israel the first country in the world to legalize and

supervise surrogate motherhood, is generally to solve couple infertility."

Single women who do wish to get pregnant "either use the traditional method of sleeping with a man or have artificial insemination. There is also a Center for Alternative Parenthood in Tel Aviv, which introduces people who are looking for a child-rearing [rather than romantic] partner."

Kahn says "there is no trouble halachically with the status of a child born to an unmarried woman. Only married women can produce *mamzerim* (bastards). Halachic rulings on potential bastardy have led to a situation in which married women are not artificially inseminated with Jewish semen, because this could lead to bastardy or future incest between children from the same donor. These rulings do not apply to offspring of non-Jewish donors."

Here's looking at you — through a peephole

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

JEEPERS, creepers, where'd you get those peepers? From your contractor? From the steel-door company? Left over from previous tenants?

Do you get back pain bending to see who's knocking at your door? Do your kids need a ladder to see if friend or foe is ringing?

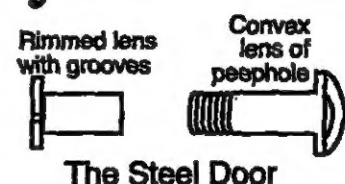
Here's how to install a peephole in your entrance door — at the height just right for you. If there's already one installed, you can add another. For some families, two peepholes are definitely better than one.

MATERIALS REQUIRED: Peephole (any) — to be purchased at any hardware store or steel (security) door outlet, costing about NIS 15. (These come in a standard size and adjust to fit doors with 3.5 to 5.5-cm. thickness); drill (makdeah barzel); protective goggles (mishkefet Magen); rat-tail file (ptzira agula) or emery paper (bad shamir); pen-

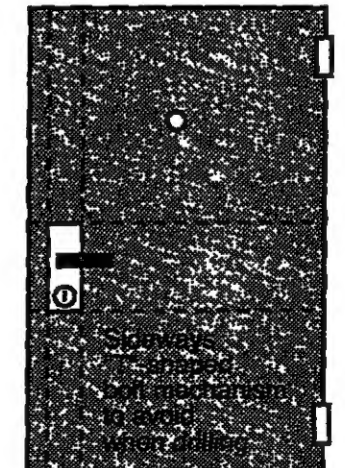
cil; tape measure (meter); kitchen knife.

BACKGROUND: Whether you have a wooden or a steel door, you can perform this job by yourself. Steel-door companies always provide and install peepholes during door installation, but take it from personal experience: You will be so relieved to have the five-hour (messy and noisy) job over with that you may pay only half a mind to peephole placement. Even if you do give it thought, the installation people will be so happy to be done that the actual location of the hole may end up bearing no resemblance to the spot you requested.

DIRECTIONS: Stand barefoot facing the inside of the door. (If you're installing a peephole for a child's height, have him/her stand barefoot. This is to give you the option of seeing through the hole comfortably without extra heel height. If you are handicapped, bring the wheelchair to the door sideways, as close to the door as possible. Bend your head slightly while looking straight ahead at the door.



The Steel Door



With a pencil, mark the spot on which your eyes are focused. Measure the width of the door. Half of that measurement will give you the center. Adjust the pencil mark — left or right — accordingly.

Wearing goggles, drill a hole through the mark on the door until the bit emerges from the other side. Note: Steel doors have a complex bolt mechanism (shaped like a "T" lying on its side), which extends from the face plate in the door jamb all the way across the width of the door, and from the handle unit all along the lengthwise edge of the door. Do not drill in these areas.

(This will only be a problem for child or wheelchair height. If so, readjust lower or higher.)

Also, steel doors have an internal grid (like graph paper). If you end up drilling through one of the metal strips of the grid, you may have to use a bit of force with the drill. If the peephole is centered width-wise, this should not be a problem, since the steel door manufacturers take peephole installation into account, and build the grid accordingly.

With a (round) rat-tail file or emery paper, clean out the hole. The outside will have metal shavings after drilling. If the door is wooden, you can do this with regular sandpaper and blow away the dust.

Open the door. Have the peep-

hole handy. The peephole consists of two cylindrical parts — each with a lens at the end — which screw into one another. Unscrew them.

The part with the thread is longer and has a convex lens. While facing the doorknob, insert this from the outside of the hole you just drilled, pointing inwards, until flat against the door.

While holding it firm with one hand, insert the second part through the hole on the inside of the door with the other. (This part is a cylinder with a flat rimmed lens. The rim has two grooves opposite each other.) Screw it on clockwise with your fingers.

Put the dull edge of a kitchen knife against the grooves in the rim and turn clockwise to tighten completely. (Screwdrivers do not have a wide enough tip to fit these grooves.) Now you have a nice, convenient, fish-eye view of your visitors.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1995

Foreign investment
increases 266%
in second quarter

DIRECT foreign investment jumped 266 percent in the second quarter to \$489 million, most of it focused on a small number of local companies, the Bank of Israel reported yesterday.

During the first half of the year, foreign direct investment totaled \$673m., 60% higher than investments for the whole of last year, which reached \$412m.

Similarly, foreign investments in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rose 31% in the second quarter to \$131m.

In the past six months, foreigners invested \$231m. in the stock market, 26% more than they did all last year.

Despite the increase in the vol-

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ume of foreign investment during the second quarter, the overall inflow of capital to the country dropped by over a third to \$1.7 billion from \$2.6b. in the first quarter.

According to the central bank, the decrease reflected lower non-linked shekel interest rates, combined with the widening of the "crawling peg's" diagonal band, which introduced greater uncertainty about exchange rate fluctuations.

In addition, foreign currency backed loans, which were the main source of incoming foreign capital, fell nearly 40% to \$1.3b.

from \$2.1b. in the first quarter.

Most of the jump in foreign credit in the first quarter resulted from the public switching from non-linked shekel loans to cheaper foreign currency loans.

Short-term foreign currency loans dropped sharply last month, and the trend is continuing, the central bank reported.

About \$430m. of the foreign credit derived from the use of US loan guarantee funds.

The large import of foreign capital since the start of the year did not increase the money supply, as the central bank reduced the amount of credit available to commercial banks and sold fewer short-term bonds.

Renaissance to assess Hapoalim

SUPERVISOR of Banks Ze'ev Abeles yesterday issued a permit to the Renaissance group to review Bank Hapoalim's books to enable it to perform a valuation of the bank in preparation for its bid proposal.

According to Abeles, the issuance of the permit reflects the

significant progress in the central bank's review of the group's qualifications, prior to the granting of a license to enable the group to bid for a controlling stake.

The other group, headed by businessman Eliezer Fishman,

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has not received the permit, pending the receipt of documents requested by the central bank.

The Renaissance group includes the Renaissance Fund, run by the Bronfmans; US investment bank Goldman Sachs; Leh-

man Brothers managing director Harvey Krueger; business tycoon George Soros and Ted Arison.

Fishman's group includes Bear Stearns, another leading Wall Street investment bank which has worked with Fishman on a number of previous transactions; Uzi Tzucker and the Steinmetz family.

Plan: Private pensions for new state employees

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NEW government employees will join private pension funds under the legislative proposal that Treasury Wage Director Yossi Knick forwarded yesterday to the ministerial legislative committee.

The proposal, which will apply to all new government workers - including teachers, but excluding the police, the prison service and the security forces - will for the first time set a basis for the government's pension obligations.

Until now, government workers have been covered by a non-

actually based pension program, whose long-term costs are not apparent since the pension obligations only surface when the government starts paying them out.

This has led, on the one hand, to overgenerous early retirement agreements, since the actual costs are hidden.

On the other hand, it has led to unreasonable limits on the salaries of workers, for fear of the large budgetary consequences

from their pensions.

According to the Treasury, the transfer to cumulative pension programs will slow down the rapid rise in government obligations, which is liable to turn into a heavy burden to the state budget and to lead to higher taxes.

Government workers will benefit from their membership in private pension funds, as they will have a choice between insurance, savings and/or pension programs.

In addition, the new system will ease the move between the public and the private sectors.

The change is part of the overall pension reform and, according to the Treasury, will strengthen the capital market through the injection of additional resources into it.

The legislation is based on the government's collective wage agreement with its workers, and its implementation will require an additional contract to introduce the new pension coverage.

Netmanage posts 89%
rise in net profits

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

NETMANAGE posted a 88.8 percent rise in net profits to \$6.8 million in the second quarter from \$3.6m. during the same period last year.

Net profits for the sixth-month period went up to \$12.5m. from \$6.2m.

Scope Metal Trading announced a second quarter net profit of NIS 5.9m., compared

with a NIS 66,276 net loss during the same period last year.

Net profits for the half year were NIS 12m., compared with a NIS 477,823 net loss during the same period last year.

United Steel Mills net profits rose to NIS 5m. from NIS 3.8m. in the same quarter last year.

Half-year net profits jumped to NIS 6.7m. from NIS 4m.

TAAS plant in U. Nazareth
finally showing a profit

THE TAAS-Israel Industries plant in Upper Nazareth, which was to have been shut down at one point, said it will post its first operating profit in several years this year, earning \$1 million after running up an operating deficit of \$9 million in 1991.

In 1992, it lost \$7m., in 1993 \$5m. and in 1994, the company broke even.

The factory produces a variety of ammunition for army and civilian use, and expanded recently to include products used in shooting competitions.

The plant got back in the black by implementing a recovery plan

which was put together with the agreement of the workers.

The plant received \$76m. worth of orders for this year, more than double last year.

Sales this year will total \$46m., up from \$41m. last year, with \$23m. of 1995 sales to the Defense Ministry, \$20 million in exports and \$3m. for the local market.

A total of \$34m. in sales was to the military market, while \$12m. was to the civilian market.

The plant currently has 323 employees, down from 415 in 1991.

A special unit at the factory is developing new types of light ammunition, and among the plant's clients are defense establishment officials here and abroad, the police, anti-terror units throughout the world, and other special units.

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Koor grants Gaon
lucrative incentives

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KOOR has granted president Benay Gaon an options package worth tens of millions of shekels, making it one of the country's biggest incentive packages.

Under the scheme, Koor will grant Gaon 411,000 share options, which can be exercised at \$83 a share.

This is the price paid by Shamrock, the Disney family investment company, when it acquired Hevrat Ha'ovdim's 22.5 percent stake in the company.

The exercise price was 5% above the current market price when the package was approved by Koor's board earlier this week.

If Gaon exercises all the options, which have a five-year life, he would have 2.57% of Koor's fully diluted share capital.

Market analysts have calculated that the package confers benefits worth NIS 44 million on Gaon, who has overseen Koor's turnaround.



Gaon: Package worth tens of millions of shekels.

Several other senior Koor executives have also been granted option packages. The total number of options granted, including Gaon's, is 809,914.

Tadiran Telecommunications
announces cooperation
agreement with Novell

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NETWORK operating systems giant Novell and Tadiran Telecommunications announced yesterday an agreement to cooperate in the field of Computer Telephony Integration (CTI).

CTI allows computer and telephone systems to communicate and store information.

Tadiran's CoraLink product enables support of CTI protocols. Additionally, the Hebrew version of Novell's GroupWise 4.1 product was presented.

"The common ground for the two announcements is Novell's commitment to the Israeli market," said Ettore Galasso of Novell Italy, which oversees business in the Middle East. "The announcements are in line with Novell's strategy of pervasive computing."

Novell's stated goal is to make access to networked information an integral part of everyday life.

The company has entered strategic partnerships with Compaq,

Dell, DEC, Ericsson, GEC, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, ICL, Intel, Olivetti, Oracle, Sysbase and UNISYS. The company acquired UNIX Systems Laboratories in 1993 and WordPerfect in 1994.

Together with AT&T, Novell has developed a telephony server with a variety of features, including intelligent call routing, desktop utilities and telemarketing applications.

The product's reasonable price is considered an additional draw.

The cooperative ventures' initial market are those local companies using Novell software and Tadiran hardware.

However, said Avraham Atar, VP marketing at Tadiran Telecommunications, the US is seen as the primary market, and the Novell/Tadiran products will be introduced "immediately" into the US market. Atar was unable to give figures concerning the financial significance or projected sales figures for the deal.

Borrowing of unlinked shekels falls

JOSE ROSENFELD

PUBLIC borrowing of unlinked shekels dropped 1.9 percent last month, despite the 0.5 percent point reduction in interest rates.

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday that the volume of unlinked shekel loans fell to NIS 56.3 billion from NIS 57.4b. in May.

Average interest rates on cred-

from 17.87%.

Interest on deposits fell to 11.55% from 12.04% in May. Short-term deposits went down to 13.09% from 13.66%.

The banks' profit margin from transactions with the public rose to 7.66% from 7.57%.

By contrast, their financial margin for all transactions slipped to 6.25% from 6.30%.

'Shipping firms
have lost
\$25 million from
poor ports'

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE nation's ports are inadequate for the increased activity they have experienced, costing the shipping companies some \$25 million over the past three months, Shipping Chamber of Commerce president Aharon Rappaport said yesterday.

Cargo ships were forced to stay in port for a total of 724 days in April, 390 days in May and 129 days in June, with each such day costing the companies between \$10,000 and \$40,000, he said at a press conference in Haifa.

Rappaport said the country's ports are not at international standards for developed countries, and the situation would only get worse with the increased traffic expected as a result of the peace treaty with Jordan.

Rappaport said the ports would be replaced by ones in Beirut, Latakia, Tarsus and Gaza if they were not modernized.

The heads of the major shipping companies called on the Finance Ministry to immediately authorize development programs for the ports.

Ports and Railways Authority spokesman Avi Hefetz said in response that just last week the government approved a master plan for the ports for the year 2000.

Hefetz added that as a temporary measure, since the development project would take five years to complete, the authority acquired new cranes and extended the quays at Haifa and Ashdod ports.

In addition, he said, both ports have gone from two to three work shifts a day.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shekel devalues against dollar to NIS 2.98: The Bank of Israel yesterday intervened heavily in the foreign currency market, for the second day in a row, causing the shekel to devalue by nearly one percent against the dollar to NIS 2.98.

Even after losing over 1.25% the dollar in the past two days, the shekel is still 1.26% higher than the dollar was at the end of last year. The massive purchase of dollars yesterday also led the currency basket to gain a more modest 0.731% against the shekel to NIS 3.4695.

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Port fee reduction on importers approved: The ministerial economics committee yesterday approved an initial port fee reduction on importers from the current level of 1.5% of the value of their goods to 1.2%. The approval came on the heels of the Ports and Railways Authority board decision to impose a 0.2% port fee on exporters.

The authority's decision comes far short of the government's commitment to eliminate the current subsidy by importers of exporters's fees. The Treasury and the Transportation Ministry agreed some two months ago to set a uniform fee of 0.6% on both importers and exporters by this month.

The committee also approved extending the Value Added Tax exemption in Eilat for tourism services to an area 40 kilometers north of the city to encourage tourism throughout the area.

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Vaknin sentenced to 18 months for share manipulation: Shmuel Vaknin, who last decade was regarded as one of the stock market's top traders, was sentenced to one and a half years in jail for share manipulation on Tuesday. Two of Vaknin's colleagues at the Mibatz investment company - Dov Landau, 46, and Nissan Avioz, 44 - received similar sentences.

Each was fined NIS 50,000, while the company was fined NIS 100,000. All three had been convicted of fraud and manipulating the shares of the Agricultural Bank. The sentences were the stiffest so far handed down in this country under the securities law.

Judge Nathan Amit gave the tough sentences, saying harsh punishments was the only way to deter share manipulation, given its frequency and difficulty to prove.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

| Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (27.7.95) | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|--|
| Currency (deposit for) | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS | |
| U.S. dollar (\$250,000) | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.250 | |
| U.S. dollar (\$100,000) | 4.875 | 5.000 | 5.250 | |
| German mark (DM 200,000) | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.250 | |
| Swiss franc (SF 200,000) | 1.825 | 1.750 | 2.125 | |
| Yen (10 million yen) | | | | |

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

| Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.7.95) | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|--------|------|
| CHECKS AND TRANSFERS | | BANKNOTES | | Ref. |
| Currency basket | Buy | Buy | Sell | |
| U.S. dollar | 3.4205 | 3.4757 | 3.4888 | |
| German mark | 2.3588 | 2.3857 | 2.398 | |
| French franc | 2.1088 | 2.1424 | 2.157 | |
| British sterling | 4.6794 | 4.7392 | 4.759 | |
| Japanese yen (100) | 0.0080 | 0.0079 | 0.0082 | |
| Dutch guilder | 3.5257 | 3.5972 | 3.627 | |
| Swiss franc | 1.8224 | 1.9128 | 1.94 | |
| Scandinavian | 2.3255 | 2.3794 | 2.42 | |
| Swedish krona | 0.4124 | 0.4191 | 0.426 | |
| Norwegian krona | 0.4761 | 0.4828 | 0.489 | |
| Danish krone | 0.5419 | 0.5507 | 0.558 | |
| Finland mark | 0.6594 | 0.6707 | 0.682 | |
| Canadian dollar | 2.1850 | 2.1976 | 2.212 | |
| Australian dollar | 1.0258 | 1.0422 | 1.058 | |
| S. African rand | 2.1850 | 2.2580 | 2.34 | |
| Singapore dollar (S\$) | 0.8082 | 0.8213 | 0.834 | |
| Israeli shekel (10) | 1.0258 | 1.0422 | 1.058 | |
| Jordanian dinar | 2.3278 | 2.4068 | 2.486 | |
| Egyptian pound | 1.8350 | 1.8946 | 1.954 | |
| Indian rupee | 3.9175 | 3.9807 | 4.0439 | |
| Thai baht | 4.8214 | 4.8982 | 4.975 | |
| Spanish peseta (100) | 2.4579 | 2.4975 | 2.5371 | |

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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Braves' win marred by outfield collision

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pinch hitter Dwight Smith hit a two-run single off Jim Gott to break a 10th-inning tie and carry the Atlanta Braves to a 3-1 victory Tuesday over Pittsburgh in a game marred by a violent collision between Pirates outfielders Dave Clark and Jacob Brumfield.

Clark broke his left collarbone and Brumfield suffered cuts and bruises as they ran into each other chasing Jeff Blauser's fifth-inning drive into right-center field. Brumfield made a spectacular catch before slamming into the turf.

Brawling bosses banned

Chicago White Sox manager Terry Bevington and Milwaukee Brewers manager Paul Garner were suspended yesterday for four games for fighting and setting off a bench-clearing altercation during a July 22 game in Chicago.

Gott (1-3) took the loss. Blad Clontz (6-1) pitched out of a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the eighth for his second victory in as many days, and Mike Stanton struck out pinch-hitter Mark Johnson with the bases loaded in the 10th inning for the save.

Fischer Jaime Navarro hit a three-run double, and Mark Grace and Jose Hernandez homered for host Chicago.

Navarro (8-4) pitched 6 1/2 innings and allowed 10 hits and three runs. Pedro Martinez (8-6) gave up four hits and six runs in five innings.

Cardinals & Mets 7 (11) Brian Jordan hit two 400-foot homers and singled home the winning run for host St. Louis.

Jordan's single came off Jerry Dipoto (3-4).

Mark Peltovsek (4-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the win. Jeff Kent, Bobby Bonilla, Rico Brogna, and Edgardo Alfonzo homered for the Mets.

Phillies 7, Rockies 6 (10). Charlie Hayes, hitting in his previous 31 at-bats, singled home the winning run for host Philadelphia.

Hayes' hit brought home Mark Whiten, who reached on a one-out walk, stole second and took third when catcher Joe Girardi's throw skidded into center.

Heathcliff Slocumb (2-0) pitched two innings, striking out five, for the win. Mike Munoz (2-3) took the loss.

Astros 4, Dodgers 0 Hideo Nomo left the game after four innings because of a split finger, and the Japanese pitcher wound up the loser as host Houston starter Doug Drabek pitched a three-hitter.

Nomo's (7-2) string of seven straight pitching decisions ended with his shortest outing since May 12. He allowed four hits, walked two and struck out one.

Drabek (6-5), celebrating his 33rd birthday, struck out nine in his second complete game.

Orioles 4, Rangers 3 Randy Velarde had his first career five-hit game and Paul O'Neill hit two homers to lead visiting New York to its seventh straight win.

The first five Yankees to bat in the game got hits and four of them scored. The big blow was a three-run home run into the right-field bullpen by O'Neill, who also had a solo shot in the third inning.

Scott Kamieniecki (1-2) allowed six hits — two of them bunt hits by Tom Gooden — walked one and struck out a season-high six in seven innings.

Kevin Appier (11-7), gave up the first seven runs and three of the home runs.

Orioles 4, Rangers 3 Bret Barberie singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. The Rangers' nine-game losing streak is their longest since April 1987. The team record is 15 straight losses in 1972.

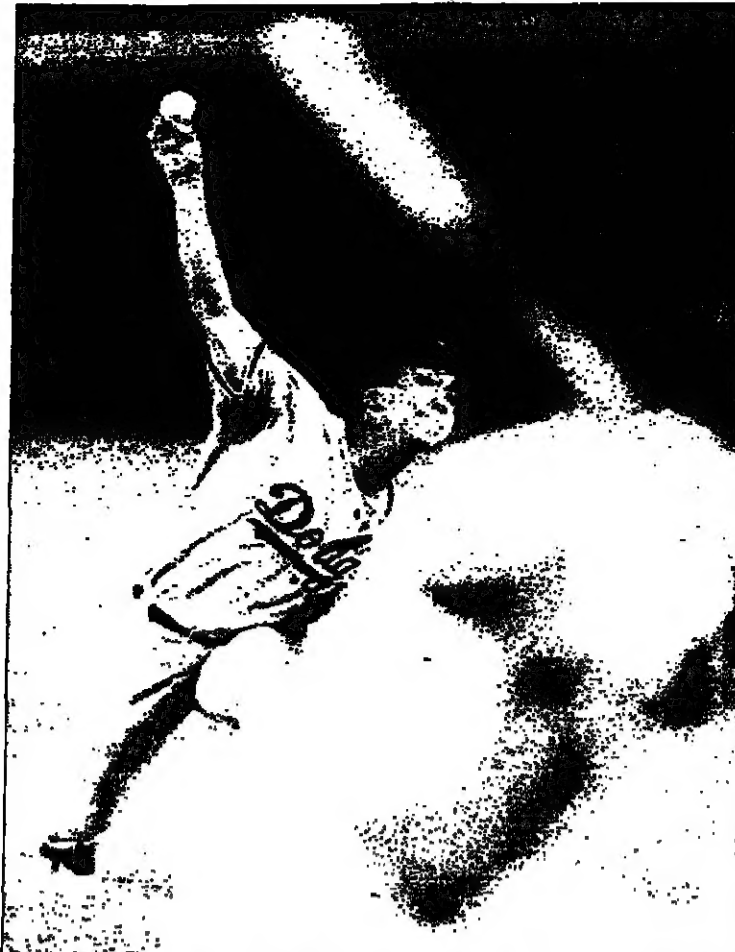
Leo Gomez led off the ninth with a double off Roger McDowell (4-2) and Harold Baines was walked intentionally. Greg Zaun sacrificed the runners up and another intentional walk loaded the bases.

Ed Vosberg relieved and retired Brady Anderson on a fielder's choice, but Barberie then blooped a single between shortstop Esteban Beltré and center fielder Ois Nixon.

Jesse Orosco (2-1) earned his first victory since May 30th.

Angels 6, Indians 5 Orel Hershiser had his shortest outing in the past four seasons as Cleveland lost on the road.

Hershiser (7-5) lasted just 2 1/2 innings. He gave up five runs, five hits and four walks.



ROAD WOES — Dodgers Hideo Nomo serves one up to Astros' Craig Biggio. Host Houston blanked Los Angeles on Doug Drabek's 3-hitter.

White Sox 8, Red Sox 3 Frank Thomas broke a tie with an eighth-inning sacrifice fly and visiting Chicago scored four more runs in the ninth.

The White Sox got six runs on seven hits in the last two innings. Lyle Mouton drove in three runs with two singles and Thomas added an RBI single in the ninth.

Jason Bere (5-8) struck out seven while allowing four hits, three walks and no earned runs in 7 1/2 innings. Roberto Hernandez got his 14th save.

Twins 7, Blue Jays 3 Rookie Frankie Rodriguez scattered five hits over seven innings and Chuck Knoblauch and Marty Cordova homered for visiting Minnesota.

| TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| San Diego 4, Cincinnati 2 | 52 | 29 | .642 |
| Florida 9, San Francisco 3 | 44 | 36 | .557 |
| Chicago 6, Montreal 5 | 40 | 42 | .488 |
| Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1 (10) | 31 | 48 | .392 |
| Philadelphia 7, Colorado 6 (10) | 29 | 43 | .406 |
| St. Louis 8, New York 7 (11) | 32 | 50 | .390 |
| Houston 4, Los Angeles 0 | 36 | 47 | .434 |
| TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Detroit 6, Oakland 3 | 51 | 29 | .638 |
| Chicago 8, Boston 3 | 40 | 43 | .482 |
| Minnesota 7, Toronto 3 | 35 | 43 | .449 |
| Baltimore 4, Texas 3 | 36 | 47 | .434 |
| New York 8, Kansas City 1 | 41 | 41 | .500 |
| Seattle 6, Milwaukee 5 | 38 | 43 | .468 |
| California 6, Cleveland 5 | 37 | 43 | .461 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|
| East Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Atlanta | 44 | 36 | .557 |
| Philadelphia | 40 | 42 | .488 |
| Florida | 31 | 48 | .392 |
| New York | 32 | 50 | .390 |
| Central Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Cincinnati | 52 | 29 | .642 |
| Houston | 36 | 47 | .434 |
| Chicago | 40 | 43 | .482 |
| Pittsburgh | 35 | 43 | .449 |
| St. Louis | 36 | 47 | .434 |
| West Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Colorado | 49 | 36 | .571 |
| Los Angeles | 41 | 41 | .500 |
| San Diego | 38 | 43 | .468 |
| San Francisco | 37 | 43 | .461 |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|
| East Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Boston | 43 | 36 | .543 |
| Baltimore | 40 | 40 | .500 |
| New York | 40 | 40 | .500 |
| Detroit | 39 | 43 | .475 |
| Toronto | 33 | 47 | .412 |
| Central Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Cleveland | 57 | 23 | .713 |
| Minnesota | 41 | 39 | .513 |
| Kansas City | 37 | 41 | .474 |
| Chicago | 34 | 45 | .430 |
| Minnesota | 29 | 52 | .358 |
| West Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. |
| California | 49 | 36 | .571 |
| Texas | 42 | 40 | .512 |
| Seattle | 41 | 41 | .500 |
| Oakland | 35 | 45 | .438 |

Richardson says Edgbaston loss will haunt England in 4th Test

MANCHESTER (AP) — Remember Edgbaston. West Indies captain Richie Richardson warned yesterday that whatever changes England makes to try and avoid another defeat, that loss two weeks ago will haunt the home team's players.

"It will be at the back of the England players' minds that we beat them convincingly and, if one or two deliveries start bouncing, they are bound to remember Edgbaston," said Richardson, whose team meets England in the fourth Test at Old Trafford starting today.

The West Indies took a 2-1 lead in the six-Test series by crushing England by an innings and 64 at Edgbaston on a batting strip the English slammed afterwards as being unacceptable for Test cricket.

The English batsmen found that some of the wildly bouncing deliveries bowled by the West Indies pacemen were unplayable and the team was dismissed for only 89 in second innings as the match, scheduled for five days, finished early on the third.

"It doesn't matter to us what this pitch is like," Richardson said at Old Trafford, Manchester. "We will try to play hard, tough cricket and, if we can go 3-1 up, the pressure really will be on England."

The English are uncertain who to leave out of their 13-man squad but Richardson said it didn't matter to him.

"We believe we can beat them whatever side they put out," West Indies captain said.

England has recalled 43-year-old off-spinner John Emburey for the first time in two years and may give debuts to Mike Watkinson of Lancashire and Nick Knight of county champion Warwickshire.

With Alec Stewart sidelined through injury, England has had to replace him with two players, one an opener, Knight, and the other a wicket keeper, Gloucestershire's Jack Russell.

With Lancashire's John Crawley also back on the team, Graeme Hick is being widely tipped as the batsman likely to be left out.

Paceman Darren Gough, the team's most promising bowling discovery of the past two seasons, also could be sidelined if his injured foot doesn't improve and England decide to field two spinners, Watkinson and Emburey.

The West Indies team picks itself although leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj has been included in case the pitch looks likely to favor spinners.

England will choose from Mike Atherton, Nick Knight, John Crawley, Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Robin Smith, Craig White, Mike Watkinson, Dominic Cork, Jack Russell, Darren Gough, John Emburey, Angus Fraser.

The West Indies will select from Carl Hooper, Sherwin Campbell, Brian Lara, Richie Richardson, Jimmy Adams, Keith Arthurton, Junior Murray, Ian Bishop, Curtly Ambrose, Kenny Benjamin, Courtney Walsh.

ISF: Put up or we shut down

HEATHER CHAIT

THE Israel Sports Federation threw down the gauntlet yesterday to Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sport Micha Goldman: Pay up or we strike.

In a defiant display at a press conference yesterday in Tel Aviv, chairman Yehzekel Hamelech warned Goldman that if he did not honor his promise of financial aid to the federation by Tuesday when the two are due to meet again, the federation would begin a strike.

"It is a simple matter to halt all preparations for the Olympics," said Hamelech, adding, "and then Israel's delegation to Atlanta will have two or three people."

After their first meeting last Tuesday, Goldman vowed to channel the necessary money to the federation which needs NIS 5 million to see out its activities for 1995.

"I hope Goldman keeps his promises," said Hamelech, adding that the government had pledged to transfer NIS 7m this year but had actually only given NIS 1.7m.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was also implicated by Hamelech for guaranteeing aid at last week's gala Olympic evening, but failing to carry it out.

Hamelech noted that the federation's annual budget, which stands at NIS 25m, was already drained after just six months.

The handball and volleyball unions have particular financial problems and find themselves unable to launch their 1996 seasons in September.

Despite the fiscal problems, the federation has an expensive program for 1996 which includes absorbing new sports such as the triathlon, taekwondo and women's boxing, all of which will debut in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Hamelech also announced that the federation has plans to build a structure at Hadera, Yotvot which will concentrate all the sports unions under one roof.

On the subject of Israel's delegation to the international archery tournament in Indonesia, Hamelech continued his aggressive approach. "Clear instructions were given to our team that if Indonesia does not allow the Israeli flag to be flown at the opening ceremony, they should pack their bags and leave. We will not accept inferior treatment from any country."

National soccer squad bringing up the rear

NEWS AGENCIES

ISRAEL is ranked 47th internationally in soccer, according to the latest rankings issued by FIFA, world soccer's governing body, on Tuesday.

While the national team still made the top 50, it dropped five spots from last year's ranking.

World champion Brazil maintained its position as global top dog. Uruguay, the new South American champion which beat Brazil in the Copa America final on Sunday, improved to 19th place from 37th.

Norway, which is unbeaten since last year's World Cup finals in the US, moved up to second place from eighth at the expense of Spain, which dropped to third.

The United States gained three points to 20th, and England dropped four points to 22nd.

| FIFA's Top 50 (1994 ranking in parentheses) | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Brazil (1) | 66.00 points; 2. Norway (2) |
| 3. Spain (3) | 58.50; 4. Germany (4) |
| 5. Argentina (5) | 57.50; 6. Italy (6) |
| 7. Denmark (7) | 56.50; 8. Russia (13) |
| 9. Mexico (8) | 55.50; 10. France (9) |
| 11. Bulgaria (10) | 53.50; 12. Colombia (17) |
| 13. Romania (27) | 53.00; 14. Switzerland (7) |
| 15. Sweden (8) | 51.72; 16. Ireland (18) |
| 17. Netherlands (19) | 51.25; 18. Uruguay (19) |
| 19. Unquay (27) | 50.50; 20. United States (23) |
| 21. Tunisia (30) | 49.50; 22. England (18) |
| 23. Egypt (28) | 47.50; 24. Zambia (21) |
| 25. Saudi Arabia (22) | 47.00; 26. Czech Republic (24) |
| 27. Greece (25) | 46.50; 28. South Korea (25) |
| 29. Czech Republic (24) | 45.50; 30. Poland (29) |
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| 49. El Salvador (50) | 37.21; 50. United Arab Emirates (46) |
| 51. Lithuania (59) | 36.75 |

Mac Haifa wins in Tinseltown

HAIFA won the opening match of a four-club tournament in Los Angeles yesterday when they scored a 4-3 win over El Salvador champions Sirfu.

Sirfu led twice (1-0 and 2-1), with the Haifa goal coming from the feet of Alon Mizrahi.

Two more Haifa goals from

Alon Hazzan and Ofer Shirir, and another by Mizrahi saw the Israeli club race into a 4-2 lead before the El Salvador champions pulled back a goal.

The two other clubs taking part in the tournament are the league champions of Mexico and Armenia. (Hah)

Modahl wins appeal against ban

LONDON (AP) — British track runner Diane Modahl announced yesterday she had won her appeal against a four-year doping ban.

Modahl, 29, was banned last year after tests revealed she had 42 times the legal amount of testosterone in her urine samples taken at a meeting in Lisbon in June.

She said the samples were contaminated in Lisbon and that the testing procedures were flawed. The results weren't relayed to the British Athletic Federation until 9 1/2 weeks after the tests were taken when Modahl was about to defend her 800-meters title at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada. She was sent home from the Games.

She pleaded her case before an appeals hearing of three independent officials appointed by the BAF.

Although the athlete has won her appeal, the case is unlikely to end there. Track's world governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, has backed its drug-testing procedure by saying it would take the case to an arbitration if Modahl won her appeal.

HERE AND THERE

Schumacher accepts peace offering

Formula One champion Michael Schumacher yesterday accepted Damon Hill's peace offer, meaning the two will ride together in a parade in this weekend's German Grand Prix.

Hill rammed into Schumacher in a crash in the British Grand Prix in Silverstone, which intensified a long-standing feud between the world's top two Formula One drivers.

Israeli hoops cadets stop Croatia

Oded Katash led the national cadet basketball team to a 99-87 win over Croatia in the European Championship at Tallinn yesterday. Israel plays Georgia today.

Israel's Little Leaguers take 3rd place

Israel's 13-year-old representatives finished in third place this week at the European/Middle East Little League Championships at the US Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany. Israel defeated Poland 6-0, lost to Saudi Arabia 29-9 and was ousted from the tournament when it lost 25-24 to Lithuania.

Nordiques become Avalanche

Colorado's new NHL team, formerly the Quebec Nordiques, will be nicknamed the Avalanche, Denver's daily newspapers have agreed. But whether it will be the "Rocky Mountain" or the "Colorado" Avalanche is still a matter of debate.

The team is owned by COMSAT Enterprises. Officials plan to announce its name, logo and colors next month.

"This was never based on a popular vote, but Avalanche was the most popular name with the people who called in," said club marketing VP Shawn Hunter. Other name candidates included Black Bears and Cougars.

Oilers rookie QB signs for \$28.4m

Houston quarterback Steve McNair signed a contract Tuesday that reportedly will pay \$28.4 million over seven years. It is the richest rookie deal in NFL history.

McNair, who was the No. 3 overall draft pick from Alcorn State, broke an NCAA college record with 16,823 yards in total offense during his college career. He was voted offensive player of the year in the Southwestern Athletic Conference last season for the fourth consecutive year. He also is the recipient of the Eddie Robinson Trophy as top player at a historically black college.

Navratilova hurt, but Seles match still on

Martina Navratilova aggravated a groin injury in a World Team Tennis match, but announced that she would nevertheless play in an exhibition Saturday that will mark Monica Seles' return to tennis after a two-year absence.

Seles, who recently decided to return to tennis, has not played since being stabbed by a deranged spectator at a match in Germany. The exhibition is regarded as a possible tuneup for the US Open.

Netanya in local cricket win

Netanya 123/5 (D Silver 41 n.o., N Ward 41) beat Lions Lod 120 (B David 58 n.o., D Moss 3/20). Dimona A 96/2 (Y Sagawkar 44 n.o.) beat Lod 95 (A Vaskar 30, Y Sagawkar 6/29). 11 Stars 122/4 (A Walatkar 35 n.o.) beat Ramla 121 (A Sawgabkar 45, B Kemkar 5/17).

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

ITF considers setting up rival tour

LONDON (Reuters) — The International Tennis Federation (ITF), at odds with the ATP Tour, said yesterday it was considering promoting another men's tour.

The ITF said in a statement it felt the current tour had "lost its focus" and was too unwieldy.

"While the Grand Slam tournaments and the Davis Cup continue to prosper, it appears to us that a Tour of 87 events is supporting too many players and too many tournaments, many of which are not financially viable," it said.

"The ITF has had discussions for some time with an organization which would financially support, promote and market a more focused and understandable Tour which would also produce higher prize money levels for the players."

The statement did not identify the organization.

The French daily L'Equipe said it appeared one of media magnate Rupert Murdoch's companies was the potential financial backer.

L'Equipe said the circuit would comprise 10 tournaments, each with \$3.5 million prize money. Two tournaments would be played before each of the four Grand Slam events — Wimbledon and the Australian, French and US Opens — and the ITF's own Grand Slam Cup.

ITF president Brian Tobin said the federation did not wish to create further divisions in the sport and would be pleased to work in cooperation with the ATP Tour, if possible.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Saturday at the Dormition vocal-music series continues at 8:30 p.m. at the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem.

Uzi Zdroyevich leads the Madrigal Singers in a program of choral selections by Barber, Poulenc, Liszt, Faure, Gesualdo, Marconi, Burkhude and de Lassus, as well as some spirituals and Israeli songs.

Earlier on Saturday the G String Quartet performs quartets by Beethoven and Brahms at the Targ Center in Ein Karem, Jerusalem (11 a.m.).

For jazz buffs, the Prima Vista ensemble presents jazz standards at the Jerusalem Bible Lands Museum on Saturday (9:15 p.m.).

The Turquoise Trio, all members of the Israel Chamber Orchestra, perform harp chamber music by Rossini, Tchaikovsky, Massenet, Vaughan Williams and others, Saturday at 9 p.m. as part of the cafe concert series at Rothschild Avenue in Tel Aviv, where the previous Tel Aviv Museum stood.

The program starts at 7:30 with recorded classical music. After the concert there is recorded jazz music until midnight. Admission is free.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

HABAMA Theater in Jerusalem, subtitled the Fringe Arts Center, is continuing its series of dance events in the capital, presenting an evening featuring independent choreographers Idit Aizen, Tamir Daskal, Moshe Vardi and Michal Shabak Lidar, Saturday at 9 p.m.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** BLUE SKY — There's an inevitable quality to Jessica Lange's great performance as a frustrated army wife in the late Tony Richardson's



Tommy Lee Jones and Jessica Lange (right) share a tumultuous marriage in 'Blue Sky.' (Cliff Lipson)

final film. Part Blanche Dubois, part Marilyn Monroe, Lange's Carley is always on the edge of some hot emotion. While her frequent outbursts and the flirtatious apologies that invariably follow dictate the film's manic shape, it's really her husband's (Tommy Lee Jones) silent suffering over time that gives the picture weight.

The movie's slow steadiness and its desperate belief in human nature despite itself make it an appropriate last word for a director whose earliest, most bitterly English works were notable for their strange blend of bleakness and faith. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

*** UNDER THE DOMIN TREE — Eli Cohen's movie glows. Literally, the sequel to Gila Almagor's first autobiographical film, *Aviya's Summer*, is steeped in light so warm, so golden, so softly pastoral that on several occasions one half expects the cast of young actors to pull red pipes out of their pockets and play.

The picture — without a doubt the strongest local creation of the last few years and the deserving winner of this year's Wogin Award at the Jerusalem Film Festival — is much more complex than its sunny palette might indicate.

Set in a Youth Aliya village in 1953, the film focuses on a group of adolescent Holocaust survivors and sabras from troubled families, whom circumstance has forced to live side-by-side and apart, in a state of permanent inner and outer dissociation. (Hebrew dialogue, no subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TELEVISION

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CHANNEL 1

15:30 Biker Mice 16:00 Heartbreak High 17:00 A New Evening 17:40 The Miraculous Melops 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Encounter 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

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20:00 Mabab 21:00 Trump Card

21:30 Culture magazine 22:15 Personal Interest 22:40 Northern Exposure 23:30 News magazine

CHANNEL 2

10:00 Yosef the Storyteller (repeated) 10:30

Thombrils 11:00 Duck Tales 11:30

Tale Spin 12:00 Brand New Line — Disney series (45 mins) (repeated) 13:00

Platypus (repeated) 13:05 Gulliver — adventure 14:00

Under African Skies — adventure 14:30

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Boys and the Beach 17:00 The Rashat at

Five 17:30 Platypus 18:00 Chic — fashion

magazine 18:30 Home Improvement

19:00 World Travel: Brazil 19:30

Lucky Guy 20:00 News 20:30 Amer-

ica's Funniest People 20:45 The Price is

Right — local game show 21:20 Ramat

Aviv Gimmel — part 2 22:20 The Break-

through — TV adaptation of Daphne du

Maurier's science fiction thriller. Starring

Donald Sutherland 00:00 News

00:05 Ticket for Two — Culture maga-

zine 00:35 Love Hurts

01:30 The Building — comedy 01:55

Real Food of China 02:00 Secret Weap-

ons — about the origins and future of

the modern weapons arsenal

JORDAN TV

13:30 Iris the Happy Professor — cartoon

13:40 Noddy — cartoon 14:00

Fireman Sam 14:15 My Secret Identity

— comedy 14:30 NBA 15:00 Pirates

Island — series 15:30 Take Your Pick

— quiz show 16:00 The

16:30 French programs 19:30 National

Geographic 20:30 The Album Show

— music 21:15 Murder She Wrote —

police drama 22:00 News in English

22:25 Russian Holiday — the story of a

woman who stumbles on a ruthless

conspiracy to steal a priceless Russian

treasure 00:00 Shogun — drama

MIDDLE EAST TV

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8:00 Roxanne 9:00 One Life to Live

9:45 The Young and the Restless

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(1993) — Oscar-winning drama set in the

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woman (Holly Hunter), her daughter

(Anna Paquin) and her piano arrive in

New Zealand for an arranged marriage

to a farmer (Sam Neill). But she has a

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Arabic movie 12:58 The Last

Time in Saw Paris (1984) — (repeated)

The Nutcracker Prince (1990) — animat-

ed feature film 16:05 Starlight One

(1983) — (repeated) 18:00 Higher Ground

(1988) — (repeated) 19:30 Voyage Around

My Father (1989) — (repeated) 21:05

Russian (1989) — political thriller. A worker at

the American Embassy in Rome is sent to

investigate the mysterious murder of a

tourist and uncovers a plot to sabotage

the USSR's visit to the United States. Starring

William Hurt, Murray Abraham and Dan-

ny Aiello. (107 mins) 22:55 Breathless

(1983) — Richard Gere plays the punk on

the run in Jim McBride's remake of

Jean-Luc Godard's classic. Valerie Kaprisky

is the foreign student who falls for him

(94 mins) 00:30 The Stepfather

(1987) — horror thriller about a girl who

discovers her stepfather is a psycho-

pathic killer. Directed by David Lyn-

tan comedy about young man who

pretend they are movie directors so that

women will undress in front of them

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You Were Sleeping 8, 10 G.G. Gil

Arad organizers, police get blame for fatal stampede

SECURITY personnel and the organizers of the Arad Festival are to blame for the stampede prior to a rock concert last week, which resulted in three deaths and more than 150 injuries, an investigative committee has determined.

The committee stressed that the young people attending the concert were justifiably excited, but not violent or hostile as had been claimed.

In its preliminary report to the Knesset yesterday, the committee appointed by Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni, and chaired by Brig-Gen (res.) David Agmon, found that the tragedy was a culmination of inefficient and insufficient crowd control, lack of coordination among the security forces, lack of a clear chain of command among the organizers and very poor judgement by the producers.

The report blamed Arad Festival Association chairman Av-

HELEN KAYE

ram Werber for failing to establish a chain of command that would ensure a proper division of authority among the festival organizers. The position of security chief was "conspicuous by its absence," said the commission.

It also found that the "Atarock" concert site had never been licensed nor its suitability as a public performance venue properly examined.

Moreover, festival head Moshe Glantz had himself designed the fencing around the site although he was not qualified to do so, and the Arad Municipality's landscaping department rather than independent contractors, had done the work.

Festival producers Yossi and Ro'i Schwartz, continued the report, had known by the Saturday before the concert, which was Mashina's farewell performance, that all 18,000 tickets had been

sold.

The producers were also aware that this concert was likely to be an emotionally loaded event and should have increased the civilian security forces to at least 160 men, rather than the 124 deployed.

Security deployment, both by the police and the security companies, was deplorable, the commission said, citing insufficient police and security presence at the gate area, and, above all, a failure to open more gates, which would have made the huge crowd easier to manage.

Once the catastrophe had started, said the report, the police erred in not immediately deploying its forces. Instead, it waited for reinforcements, which took time to arrive because of the clogged roads around the site.

Werber rejected the report's findings, saying the report contained "things that are wrong" and was missing facts.

Secular classes will visit Conservative synagogues; Reform yeshiva on the way

HAIM SHAPIRO

AS part of their Jewish studies programs, seventh and eighth graders in secular schools are to visit Conservative Synagogues, according to Rabbi Ehud Bandel, spokesman for the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel.

The visits are part of a general campaign by the Education Ministry to increase pupils' exposure to Judaism following publication last year of the Shenhar report, submitted by a committee headed by Prof. Aliza Shenhar, now ambassador to Russia. According to the report, the Jewish studies programs in non-religious schools are woefully inadequate.

The ministry is also to subsidize and grant recognition to studies at a Reform yeshiva, which is to be set up in Jerusalem's Beit Shmuel, the center for the World Union for Progressive Judaism. According to Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, who is to head the new yeshiva, the ministry is to provide half of the funding for the studies, which are to be held 16 hours a week. It will also give teachers time off to attend the classes and

salary increments when they complete them.

According to Bandel, the ministry has for a number of years extended similar recognition to the Conservative Movement's Seminary of Jewish Studies. The difference between the two institutions is that while the Conservative seminary offers rabbinical training programs, the Reform yeshiva is to grant no degrees or certification. In both institutions, men and women study together.

Bandel said that in addition to the synagogue visits by seventh and eighth graders, the ministry has also approved a program for the Conservative Movement is to train youngsters in special education for their bar mitzva. The program is to begin with young people suffering from cerebral palsy and later to include those with Down's syndrome.

Another program the ministry has approved, Bandel said, will establish links between secular schools here and Jewish schools in the Diaspora. The program would focus on the Conservative Movement's Solomon Schechter day schools, he said.

Road accident claims two fatalities near Zichron

DAVID RUDGE and Ilim

TWO people were killed and seven others injured — one of them seriously — in a crash involving three vehicles on the old coastal highway yesterday between Zichron Ya'acov and the turnoff to Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.

Police said the accident happened when a car traveling south towards Hadera suddenly swerved into the opposite lane and collided head-on with a truck, which then crashed into another car.

Michael Bar-Tabu, 40, the driver of the first car, which apparently caused the accident, and his daughter, Maya, 13, were both killed outright. Marguerita Bar-Tabu, the wife of the driver, was seriously injured and her daughter Lilia, 8, was lightly hurt. The truck driver and four people in the second car all escaped with light injuries.

The injured were taken to Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital.



Catia Wertheimer, from Brazil, and Michael Nathan of England receive material from the Israel Student Authority at a Jewish Agency-sponsored aliya information fair in Jerusalem yesterday. Some 60 booths offered information on study in the country's universities, professional training courses, and other absorption and Hebrew-study programs around the country. (Joe Malchin)

Officers face disciplinary action for soldiers' drinking contaminated water

ALON PINKAS

A CAPTAIN may be relieved of his duties and a platoon commander may be court-martialed for negligence after 24 soldiers drank water from containers that had previously contained oil and gasoline and were not washed properly.

All 24 soldiers were hospitalized Tuesday at Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera with stomach aches. Three soldiers fainted immediately after drinking the water while others complained about severe stomach cramps.

Seven soldiers were released yesterday. The others will be released from the hospital today.

The water was in standard army plastic jerrycans which are used for various fluids, but are supposed to be clearly marked as to their contents. Oil is usually stored in metal containers but in many units the plastic ones are also used.

The unit's logistics officer issued the containers for the exercise without first checking what they contained previously and apparently without even smelling the empty cans before filling them with water.

"Ordinarily this would be just a stupid case of negligence, but here you had 24 soldiers incapacitated. What would have happened if these were soldiers on a combat mission in south Lebanon?"

"Someone must be accountable for this idiocy that luckily ended this way," an army officer said.

F-16 navigator Yuval Binyamin buried in Jerusalem

AIR force navigator Capt. Yuval Binyamin, killed in a training accident on July 18, was buried yesterday at the Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem.

Binyamin and pilot Lt.-Col. Ronni Shlomi died in a collision between two F-16s on maneuvers off Nahariya, but their bodies were only recovered on Monday.

Hundreds of relatives and friends attended the funeral, as did President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, former president Yitzhak Navon, OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger, and other pilots.

Binyamin was buried alongside Nahshon Wachsmann and five of those killed in the Beit Lid bomb-

ing. Binyamin's officer spoke of his constant striving for excellence, without complaining and while making those around him feel that "things were good for you even when they were hard."

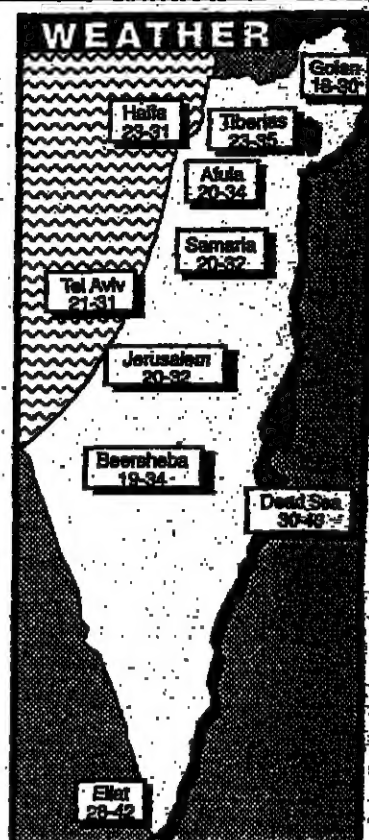
He was survived by his parents and three siblings.

(Ilim)

Sergeant and corporal get three years for rape

THE Jaffa Military Court yesterday sentenced a sergeant and a corporal to three years' imprisonment for the rape of a woman soldier while she was in a drunken stupor at the Tzrifim base in May. One soldier was convicted of rape, while the second was convicted of encouraging his friend to commit the rape. They were also demoted to the rank of private.

The woman had drunk nearly a whole bottle of wine with one soldier and had sex with him willingly. The first soldier then encouraged his friend to also have sex with her, taking advantage of the fact that she had passed out and could not resist.



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Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, ten of hearts, seven of diamonds and seven of clubs.

JERUSALEM CORRIDOR EMERGENCY APPEAL

Support The Jerusalem Post Funds Emergency Appeal to restore the communities and forests of the Jerusalem corridor. The appeal will run until Tu BiShvat, February 5,

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